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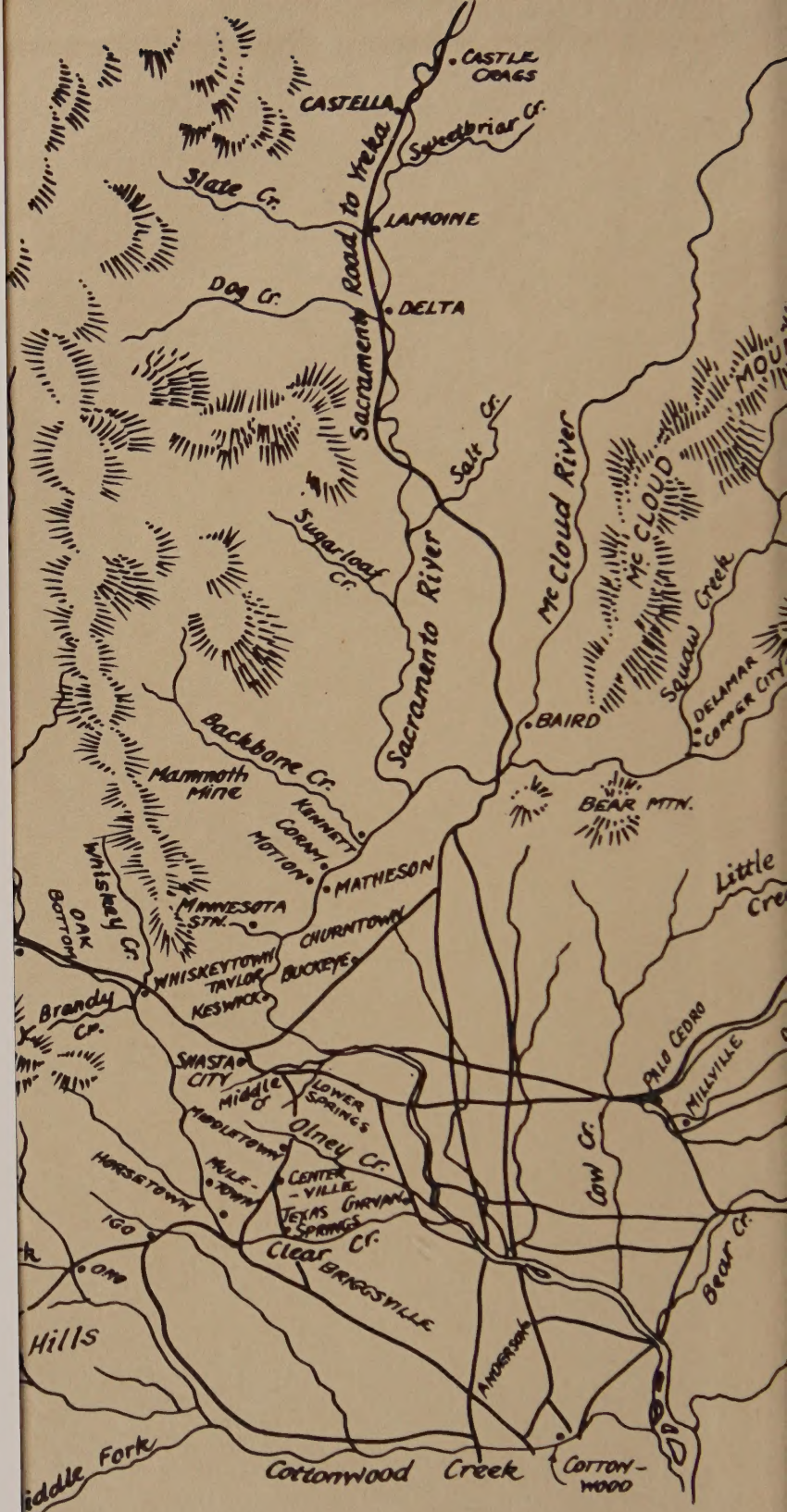

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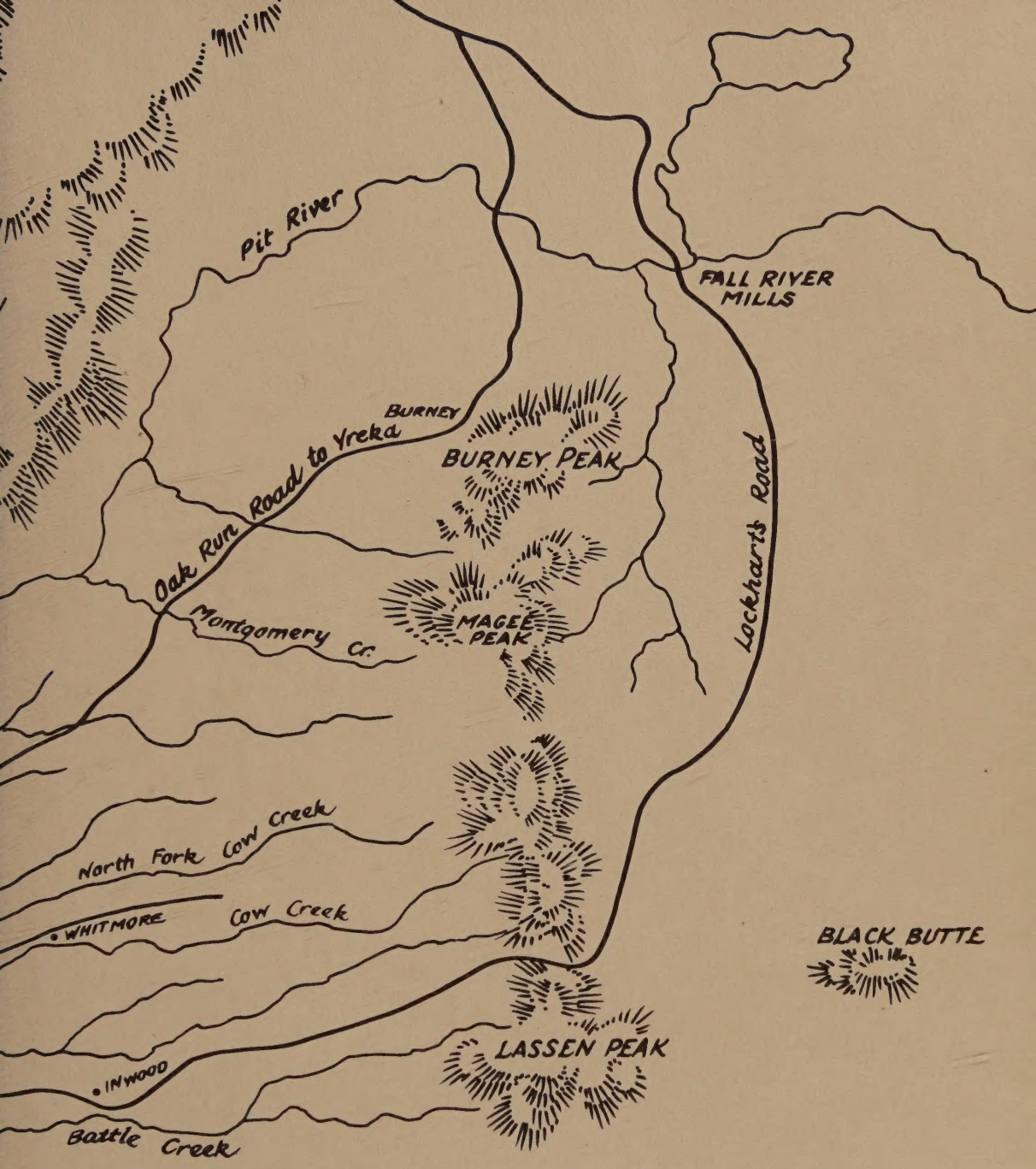

Map of Shasta County showing Roads and Place names as they appeared on Maps prior to 1900

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FOREWORD

I regard it as both a privilege and a pleasure to offer some lines of Foreword to this present study of the sources of the Catholic Church in Shasta County, California. For several years now, I have known Veronica Satorius and have become acquainted with the laborious work of love which has cost her so many hours of searching early newspapers and other available sources, the latter being relatively few in number. Since my own life has not been without its hours of research, I can totally and completely admire what the author has done here. Her announced object has been to compile as detailed as possible a reconstruction of the origins of Catholicism in her area beginning with Father Florian's arrival in Shasta in 1853. Frustrating in the extreme was the discovery that there had been preserved a paucity of parochial and other records. This meant, after a most diligent and fruitless search of many historic sources, the author set herself to the tiresome and time consuming task of examining whatever newspaper records she could come on. Happily files of early day newspapers were available although not complete. Only one who has put himself to such a task can appreciate the tiring and even most tedious hours which must have been spent in such a search. However, "Gold is where you find it," and the author discovered that occasionally there was indeed "gold in the hills," at least a few journalistic nuggets which led to yet other discoveries.

Here we have, then, a source book which will prove invaluable to future students of Catholicism in northern California. Sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the author for her outstanding work. Few would have had her perseverance to have accomplished this time consuming and exacting task.

John Bernard McGloin, S.J.
University of San Francisco

"Yet the deepest truths are best read between the lines, and, for the most part, refuse to be written."

A. B. Alcott

PREFACE

The year 1978 marks the Diamond Jubilee of Saint Joseph Parish, Redding, and the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the arrival of Father Florian, the first Catholic priest assigned to this section of northern California. Two such events call for a time to rejoice and to remember. Just as a family comes together to celebrate its anniversaries, so too the parish family gathers to recall the happy and sad occasions in its parish life. This compilation, consisting mostly of newspaper clippings, is intended to serve as a family album to reflect the growth of the parish as a Christian community.

I hope that the reader will read between the lines of these common newspaper accounts the uncommon toil, devotion and sacrifice of the priests and people through the years; of those who brought the Catholic Faith to this part of the state and of those who kept the Faith alive and growing. Between the lines one must read the names of all those faithful whose names are not given in these pages because the articles in most cases reported happenings and not names. Also please read between the lines the names of all those many good friends, both of the clergy and the laity, who have helped with their encouragement and with contributions of items and photographs. To them acknowledgement and thanks are here given. Special thanks go as well to Marilyn Blankenheim Springer who typed all these lines for you to read between.

Veronica Satorius
May, 1977

SOURCES

In researching the history of the Catholic Church in Shasta County, it soon became evident that few church records were available either because they were lost in various fires or because they were not kept at all. The only early record books found were: Baptismal Register, 1855-1880, Sacred Heart Church, Red Bluff; and Baptismal Register, 1907-1921, St. Joseph Church, Redding.

The one history which includes the Catholic Church in Shasta County is the monumental work of Henry L. Walsh, S.J., *Hallowed Were The Gold Dust Trails.*

Newspaper files of the area were not complete, the microfilms were sometimes difficult to read, and the reporters' accounts may not have been accurate; but lacking primary sources, the newspapers became the principal source for this compilation. No attempt was made to correct the spelling, grammar, punctuation, arithmetic or veracity of the original newspaper articles. Fortunately the microfilms of the newspapers were available but not all at one place. They were located at:

Redding Record Searchlight, Editorial Office, Redding
Shasta College Library, Redding
Shasta County Library, Redding

The helpfulness of the personnel at each location is gratefully acknowledged.

Bits and pieces of information were obtained from several centers which were visited in person or contacted by mail. They are listed here for the benefit of those who may have a similar quest.

Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley
California Section, State Library, Sacramento
Mullen Library, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
Library, Humboldt State University, Arcata, California
Shasta College Museum and Research Center, Redding
Historical Archives, University of San Francisco
Historical Archives, University of Santa Clara
Archives of Archdiocese of San Francisco
Archives of Diocese of Sacramento
Archives of Archdiocese of Chicago
Archives of Diocese of Reno
Archives of Diocese of Portland
Archives of Congregation of the Passion, Chicago
California Historical Society, San Francisco
The Society of California Pioneers, San Francisco
Wells Fargo Room, San Francisco
Shasta Historical Society, Redding
Trinity County Historical Society, Weaverville
Museum, California State Historic Park, Shasta
Propaganda Fide, Rome, Italy
Catholic Herald, Sacramento

SHASTA

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 18, 1853**

Terrible Conflagration!! Shasta in Ashes—Loss Estimated at Half a Million Dollars. On Tuesday afternoon last, at about four o'clock in the afternoon, a fire broke out in Shasta, which consumed almost the whole town before it was checked. . . .

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 25, 1853**

Catholic Church—Father Flonan has recently purchased a lot from Mr. Wills, in the east portion of our town. We learn that Father Flonan, assisted by the members of his church, intend building a house to be used as a place of worship by persons of the Catholic persuasion. It will probably be built within two months from this time.

NOTE: *Father Flonan was Father Florian, a Benedictine monk and missionary who was born in Innsbruck, Austria. Mr. Wills was John Wilz.*

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 6, 1853**

Married—August 1st, at their residence near Olney creek, by the Rev. J. Florian, Mr. G. J. Bell to Mrs. Mary Kearns.

A California Gold Rush Padre:
New Light on the "Padre of Paradise Flat"
Edited by John B. McGloin, S. J.
The California Historical Society Quarterly, March 1961

The following excerpts are from a letter by Father Martin Schwenninger, better known as Father Florian, dated September 20, 1853, to his fellow monks in Austria.

At Pentecost, in 1853, the Bishop sent me to the northern part of the Diocese, where a priest had been needed. Shasta is a city in the foothills, about 400 miles north of San Francisco and about 20 miles from the Oregon border. The country of Shasta, which was my first mission, can be easily imagined if one recalls the country of Aachen valley at Mauthause to the so-called Passl. Houses are on both sides of the streets. Shasta has 120 of them. At the end of a small street I bought myself a little house with a garden. This house I transformed into a chapel 16 feet long and 12 feet wide, large enough for the parish since there were only 50 Catholics there. A built-on room serves me as a living room and a kitchen. I was in Shasta hardly a week when, while I was absent on a trip, 80 houses of the city were burned. My trunk which at that time I still had in a private house was barely saved. The cover burned from the trunk which P. Heinrich had presented to me, and the front side was doused with water just in time so that the

Shasta, 1855. The Catholic church is on the hill in the upper right hand corner of the picture.
(California State Library, Sacramento)

clothes within remained undamaged. Since the fire, after which the city again recovered, I have only 20 Catholics. My next place is Weaverville, 40 miles, therefore 13 hours, west of Shasta. A carriage road leads to Shasta, and a stage coach goes to the south daily, either 130 miles southeast to Marysville or 130 miles south to Colusa. At both these points one may set out on a trip to San Francisco by steamboat. But westward from Shasta there is only a mule path. All provisions must be carried into these mountains by mules, which makes everything very costly, as a mule can carry only 250 pounds and is unable to travel very far in a day. I travelled in this manner every month on foot to and fro, my travelling bag with my vestments on my back. . . .

Even if my district is large, more than 200 miles wide and 100 miles from south to north, I can feel how necessary I am here, and how useful I can be, if God blesses me in my work. In the midst of the gold country I live in greater poverty than ever before in my life. My dwelling is miserable, my clothing poor and my fare meager. Much cannot be gotten here, and much of what is received is very expensive. However, one becomes accustomed to poverty, and then it is not so burdensome. It is the same with all the people around here. My Catholics, who are so scattered, support me up to the present in such a manner that I could live tolerably but not decently. I hope that in time things will improve. Since I am not supplied with kitchen utensils, I took my midday meals in an inn in Shasta. One piece of bread was my morning and evening meal. Hitherto, in Weaverville I received my food at a small price from an Irish inn keeper; however he will soon leave California, and then it will be different. . . . God be praised and glorified in everything—in work and in peace, in abundance and in need.

NOTE: *Pentecost Sunday was May 29, 1853.*

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 19, 1853**

Archbishop of California—A Bull from Rome announces the fact that San Francisco has been erected into a see and Metropolitan Church, and the Right Rev. Dr. Alemany—Bishop of Monterey—has been named Archbishop.

The Rev. Thaddeus Amat, C.M., has been named Bishop of Monterey.—*Stockton Journal.*

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 31, 1855**

Religious Notice—Regular service will be performed in the Catholic Church, Shasta, every Sabbath, at 10 o'clock A. M.

RALPH RAINALDI
Pastor
Shasta, March 31, 1855

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 19, 1855**

Roman Catholic Service—Father Rinaldi informs us that Arch Bishop Alamedy, of San Francisco, will hold divine services in the Catholic Church in this place on the 17th of next month. He will also perform the interesting ceremony of consecrating the burial grounds attached to the Church. It is his intention, also, we believe, to visit and hold services at French Gulch and Weaverville.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 9, 1855**

Bishop Alamanni—Arch Bishop Alamanni, of San Francisco, left this place on yesterday for Weaverville, where he will hold religious service on to-morrow. On the 17th he will conduct the exercises of the Catholic Church in this place, and the Sunday following, the 24th inst., in the new Church at French Gulch.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 23, 1855**

Bishop Alemanni—Right Rev. Arch-Bishop Alemanni conducted service in the Catholic Church in this place on Sabbath last, in the presence of a large audience. The right of confirmation was administered to a number of persons in the morning. The church and burying-ground were also consecrated. Bishop Alemanni will consecrate the New Roman Catholic Church at French Gulch on tomorrow, and on Monday will again return to San Francisco.

Archbishop Joseph Sadoc Alemany, O.P.
1814-1888
Bishop of Monterey, 1850-1853
First Archbishop of San Francisco, 1853-1884
(Historical Archives, University of San Francisco)

The following entries are from "*Liber Visitationis Episcopalis*," Joseph S. Alemany, Archbishop of San Francisco; Archives of Archdiocese of San Francisco

Die 17 Junii 1855 Visito Shastam, confirmationem administrando.
Die 20 Junii 1855 Shasta Coemeterium benedico.

From *Diary of Archbishop Alemany Jan. 1, 1855–Jan. 30, 1863;* Archives of Archdiocese of San Francisco

1855

June
- 5 I go to Shasta & continue to Weaverville
- 10 I confirm some 19 at Weaverville & bless the new church under the name of the Most Holy Trinity, & also the Graveyard, much attendance & piety thank God.
- 17 I confirm some 2 at Shasta
- 20 I bless the graveyard of Shasta
- 24 I bless the Church of French Gulch under title of St. Patrick, much attendance, also the graveyard, all about 2 acres donated by Terence Maher of French Gulch
- 26 I return to San Francisco with Fr. Florian, all right

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 14, 1855**

Magnificent View of Shasta—We have been shown a remarkably correct drawing of the town of Shasta—including almost every house and fence in it—taken by Mr. Schleisinger, of the News Depot. It is indeed a work of which Mr. S., as an artist, has great reason to be proud. The drawing is perhaps three feet in length by one and a half in width. Mr. S. has also surrounded it with accurate drawings of many of the business houses of the town. It is his intention, in this shape, to have it lithographed. We have not a doubt that he will find ready sale for many copies. It will really be a magnificent picture—superior to anything of the kind ever published in this State.

SHASTA

(Courtesy Mabel Moores Frisbie)

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 29, 1855**

Midnight Mass—High Mass was performed in the Catholic Church, on Monday night, by Father Rinaldi. A large number of persons were present.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 16, 1856**

Church Going—We observe as one of the most marked evidences of the advance of Shasta, the disposition manifested lately to attend church. On each successive Sabbath we see groups of well dressed gentlemen, ladies and children wending their way to the different temples dedicated to the worship of God. We have two churches here, and both are well attended and presided over, we think, by worthy men. In addition to the ministers furnished by the Methodist Conference, and the Catholic Priest, we have other ministers of different persuasions, as visitors. . . .

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, March 15, 1856**

Rev. R. Rinaldi has opened a school in the Catholic Church. As yet the school has not been very numerously attended. Those, however, who have been placed under his charge, have all advanced rapidly in their studies. The Reverend gentleman is a ripe scholar, and eminently qualified to teach.

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA **Tuesday, March 25, 1856**

Letter From Shasta—. . . We have one public school well sustained, and two private schools, one of which is a Catholic, under the superintendence of Father Ranaldi. There are two churches here, a Methodist and Roman Catholic. . . .

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, May 3, 1856**

Repentance—Rev. Father Florian returned to Comstock & Martin, in Weaverville, the sum of twenty-five dollars, the same having been given him by a person who confessed that he had previously stolen property of that value from C. & M.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, May 10, 1856**

New Catholic Church Building—At a meeting of the members of the Catholic congregation of this place, held on Sunday last after the celebration of mass, the erection of a new and commodious church building was resolved upon. The present building is too small and is inconveniently situated. The location of the new edifice has not yet been selected. We are informed by Father Rinaldi that an assistant Pastor will be sent to this place in a short time.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, August 16, 1856**

Assumption Day—Yesterday was Assumption Day and was generally observed by the Catholic residents of our town.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, October 25, 1856**

Married—In Shasta, October 20, at the residence of Dr. J. A. Raymond, by Rev. R. Ranaldi, Catholic Pastor, Hon, Wm. P. Daingerfield and Miss E. J. Raymond, all of Shasta.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, November 1, 1856**

New Catholic Church—We have been requested to state that after the morning service at the Catholic Church, on to-morrow, a meeting will be held for the purpose of determining upon some plan for the erection of a new Catholic Church in this place. All members of the Shasta congregation and all persons friendly to the proposed enterprise are expected to be present.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, December 13, 1856**

New Catholic Church—The ground was broken, on Monday last, for the foundation of a new Catholic Church in this place. The edifice will be erected on the lot

immediately opposite the Soda Factory in the southeastern portion of town. It will be built of brick. It will be large and commodious, and the steeple will have an elevation of eighty feet from the ground.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, December 13, 1856**

Married—In Shasta, December 9, by Rev. R. Rinaldi, Hon. J. C. Hinckley and Miss Maggie E., daughter of Mr. D. H. Dunn, all of Shasta.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, February 21, 1857**

Assistant Catholic Pastor—Father Thomas Cody, now at Yreka, has been ordered by Bishop Allemany to this place, in the class of Assistant Pastor. He will be here in a few days.

TRINITY JOURNAL **Saturday, March 21, 1857**

Rev. Father Florian—In another column will be found the card of Father Florian, pastor of the Catholic church of this place, to his congregation and friends. The following brief paragraph of his life and travels may be agreeable and interesting to his numerous friends.

P. Florian was born AD 1809 at Innsbruck, the capitol of Tyrol, and graduated at the University of that place. In 1828 he joined the Order of the Benedictines, where he was occupied partly in the ministry, partly as professor of the Sacred Scriptures and the Oriental languages. In 1844 he volunteered to labor among his Catholic brethren in the United States. After his arrival at New York, he was stationed by Archbishop Hughes at Utica, N.Y., where he remained over four years. Then he was sent to Syracuse, in the same state. After staying there one year his health became impaired, and he was obliged to go to New York where he edited the *New York Sion* during two years. After this he served half a year in the Catholic congregation at Patterson, N.J. where he accepted the invitation of Archbishop Alemany for California. Florian arrived at San Francisco in August, 1852 by the steamer Golden Gate, on that memorable trip in which the passengers and U. S. troops suffered so much from cholera. In the spring of 1853 he was sent to Shasta and Weaverville.

Card—The undersigned leaving Weaverville today, where during a residence of nearly four years he has received so many marks of benevolence and undeserved kindness, feels it his duty to bid farewell to all his friends and acquaintances, at the same time assuring them that he will carry with him the indeliable remembrances of them, wherever his vocation may place him and now in a parting word he returns his most sincere thanks for the many favors extended him.

P. FLORIAN
Weaverville, March 19, 1857

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, April 18, 1857**

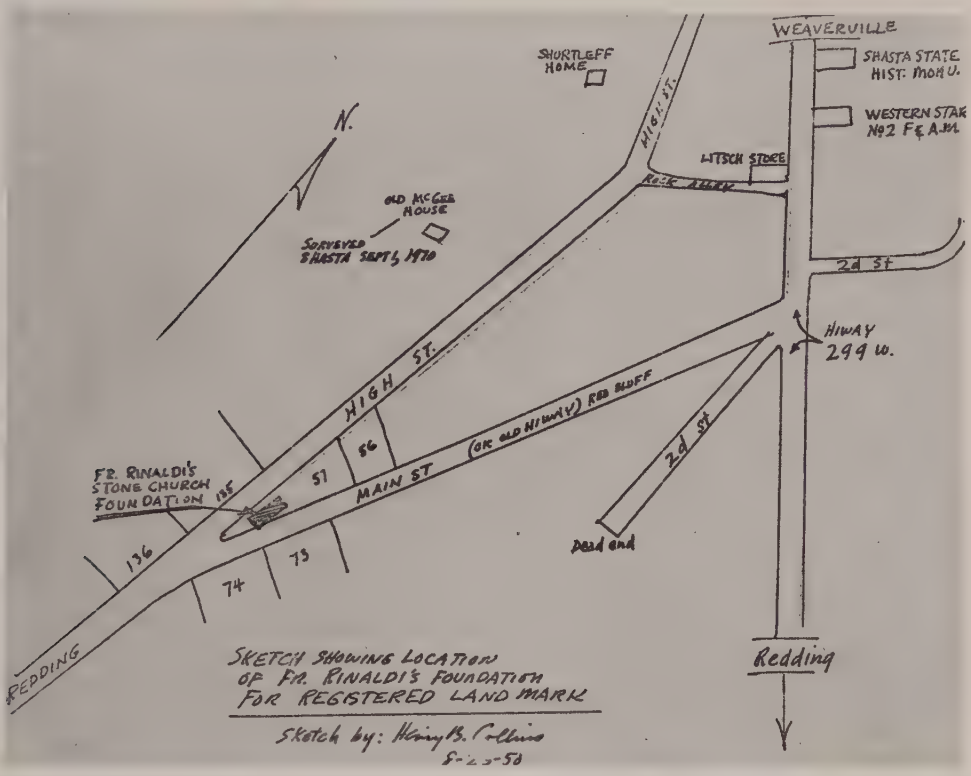
Catholic Church—Father Rinaldi, present Pastor of the Catholic congregation in Shasta, is now making great preparation for the laying of the corner stone of the new Catholic Church. The ceremony will take place on the first Sunday of May next. Bishop Alemany and Father Gallagher, of San Francisco, will be present on the occasion. A sumptuous dinner will be served at the Empire Hotel and all are invited to attend. On next Sunday Father Coady will celebrate mass and preach at the Catholic Church.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, April 25, 1857**

Bishop Alemany of San Francisco will be here on the second Sunday of May next, and not on the first Sunday, as has been heretofore announced. He has been detained by business that could not be deferred.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, May 9, 1857**

New Catholic Church—The corner stone of the new Catholic Church in this place will be laid on Sunday evening next. The church will be of ample dimensions, and built of brick. It will be situated in the south-eastern portion of town, on the point of ground at the junction of Main and High streets. It is understood that nearly all the members of the large Catholic congregations of French Gulch and Horsetown, will visit Shasta for the purpose of witnessing the interesting ceremonies that will be observed in laying the corner stone.



Location of Father Rainaldi's Foundation, Shasta, California
(Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento)

Archbishop Alemany and Father Gallagher of San Francisco, will be here on the occasion. At ten o'clock in the morning mass will be celebrated at the church as usual, and Archbishop Alemany will preach a sermon.

At two o'clock dinner will be served at the Empire Hotel. The tables will be spread the full length of the spacious dining room of that house, and covers will be laid for the accommodation of about three hundred guests. The proceeds arising from the sale of tickets will be expended in the construction of the new church.

At six o'clock the ceremonies to be observed in laying the corner stone will commence. In the corner stone a place has been prepared, in which will be deposited the Shasta papers issued this morning, some pieces of the current coin, and such other articles as may be decided upon. The following words in English and Latin, the one being a translation of the other, have been handed us for publication:

The Clergy and Laity of Shasta and its vicinity have erected this Edifice to the Honor and Glory of God. It is dedicated to the B. V. Mary conceived without sin. Pius the Ninth being Roman Pontiff. Joseph Sadoc Alemany Archbishop of San Francisco, California. Raphael Rainaldi and Thomas Cody Pastors of Shasta. James Buchanan President of the U. S. Republic May 10th, A.D. 1857.

Deo. Optimo. Maximo
B. Mariae. Sine. Labe. Conceptae
Pio. Nono. Pontifice. Romano
Josepho. S. Alemanny. Archiepiscopo
Sancti. Francisci
Californiae
Raphaele. Rainaldi. et. Thoma. Cody
Shastae. Pastoribus
U. S. Reipublicae. Jacobo. Buchanan
Praesidente
Clerus. Populusque. Shastae
Ponere. Curarunt
VI. Jd. Maii. A. D. MDCCCLVII

After the corner stone shall have been laid a sermon will be preached by Father Gallagher. This will conclude the ceremonies of the day.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, May 16, 1857**

New Catholic Church—The corner stone of the new Catholic Church in this place was laid by Archbishop Alemany on Sunday last. The usual imposing and interesting ceremonies were observed on the occasion. A large concourse of citizens of this place and surrounding towns and neighborhoods were present. After the termination of the ceremony a sermon was preached by Father Gallagher at the Excelsior Hall, which had been tendered for that purpose by Mr. C. D. Walsh. The sermon was remarkably eloquent and interesting. In the afternoon a sumptuous feast was spread in the dining room of the Empire Hotel.

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA **Tuesday, May 19, 1857**

Laying The Corner Stone Of The Catholic Church—On Sunday last we had the privilege of witnessing the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Catholic Church which Father Rainaldi's congregation are about erecting at the lower end of this place. The ceremonies were performed by Archbishop Allemany, assisted by Fathers Rainaldi and Coady. There were a large number of persons present, who, as it threatened rain, were requested at the conclusion of the ceremonies, to repair to Excelsior Hall, to listen to a discourse by the Rev. Mr. Gallagher, of San Francisco. And we think it not at all improbable that those who attended heard one of the ablest discourses ever delivered in this place. Father Gallagher is reckoned one of the first preachers on the Pacific coast. After the sermon, several hundred persons repaired to the Empire Hotel, and partook of an elegant dinner, which had been prepared for the benefit of the Church. *(Shasta Courier, 16th)*

The following entries are from "*Liber Visitationis Episcopalis*," Joseph S. Alemany, Archbishop of San Francisco; Archives of Archdiocese of San Francisco

Die 10 Maji 1857 Visito Shastam, benedico et impono primarium lapidem ejus Ecclesia sub titulo Sanctae Mariae Immac. Concept., confirmationem administrando.

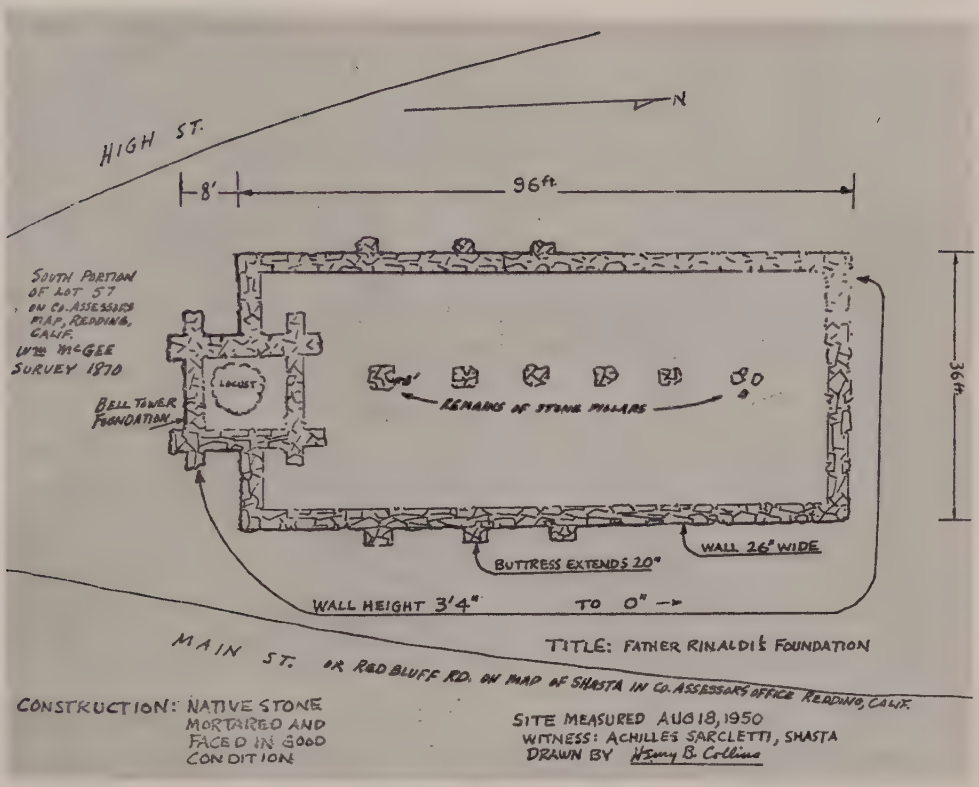
Die 17 Maji 1857 Visito pagum Horsetown dictum dando confirmationem in Eccla Sanctae Mariae de Assumptione benedicta a Rev. Raphaele Rainaldi di 25 Dec. A. D. 1855, et benedico ejus coemeterium.

Die 21 Maji 1857 Visito locum French Gulch nuncupatum, 20 circiter confirmans.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, August 29, 1857**

Rev. Barney McFeely has been assigned as assistant Pastor of the Catholic congregations of Shasta County. He will celebrate mass at French Gulch to-morrow.

NOTE: *The Baptismal Register, Sacred Heart Church, Red Bluff shows that Father McFeeley performed baptisms in September, October, November and December 1857.*


HIGH ST.
N
8'
96ft.
SOUTH PORTION OF LOT 57 ON CO. ASSESSORS MAP, REDDING, CALIF. FROM McGEE SURVEY 1870
BELL TOWER FOUNDATION
REMAINS OF STONE PILLARS
36ft.
WALL 26" WIDE
BUTTRESS EXTENDS 20"
WALL HEIGHT 3'4" TO 0"
TITLE: FATHER RINALDI'S FOUNDATION
MAIN ST. OR RED BLUFF RD. ON MAP OF SHASTA IN CO. ASSESSORS OFFICE REDDING, CALIF.
CONSTRUCTION: NATIVE STONE MORTARED AND FACED IN GOOD CONDITION
SITE MEASURED AUG 18, 1950
WITNESS: ACHILLES SARCLETTI, SHASTA
DRAWN BY Henry B. Collins

Father Rainaldi's Foundation, Shasta, California (Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento)

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 20, 1858**

Catholic Fair—We are informed that a Fair, for the benefit of the Catholic Church in this place, will commence on the evening of St. Patrick's Day, Sunday the 14th March, in the large Hall in the "Charter Oak" building, and continue four days. A splendid supper will be served up on the commencement evening. The fair will be open each evening between the hours of 6 o'clock P. M. and 12 M.

The object of the fair is to obtain means to assist in the erection of a Catholic Church in the lower end of town. We are informed that Father Rinaldi has already secured a most excellent organ to put in the church as soon as it is completed. The building, besides its utility for sacred purposes, will be an ornament to the town. It is therefore earnestly hoped that Protestants as well as Catholics will take an interest in the matter, and contribute towards its success. Donations for the fair will be thankfully received by either member of the Committee of Superintendence.

Messrs. Dennis Dunn, Michael Brannan, Chas. O'Connell and Dennis Maher are the committee.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 13, 1858**

Catholic Fair—Recollect the Catholic Fair will commence in the "Charter Oak Hall" on next Monday Evening and continue to Wednesday Evening the 17th, St. Patrick's Day, when a splendid supper will be given and the affair conclude with dancing. As the object of the Fair is to aid in the completion of the Catholic Church in this place, we trust every person who can will attend.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 20, 1858**

Catholic Fair—The receipts of the Catholic Fair, held in this place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of the present week, amount to between fifteen and sixteen hundred dollars.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, March 20, 1858**

Catholic Fair—The Fair for the benefit of the Catholic Church was open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and was numerously attended. On Wednesday evening a supper and ball was given both of which were enjoyed by a large company. The profits netted amounted to about $700. The Catholic congregation of Shasta desire to return thanks for the liberal patronage of the public.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, March 27, 1858**

Notice—Proposals For the Erection Of The Catholic Church will be received until Saturday, the 3d Day of April.

Plans and Specifications can be seen at the residence of Father Rinaldi.

The committee reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals.

By Order Of The Committee
Shasta, March 14, 1858.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, May 29, 1858**

Catholic Church—Final Contract.—The large Catholic Church building which has been sometime since commenced under the auspices of Father Rinaldi will be completed in August next. The authorities of the congregation of Shasta will meet at the residence of the Reverend Father, on Sunday evening next, (to-morrow evening.) At that time the contract for the erection and completion of the church building will be finally awarded. The splendid organ which has been built at Marysville for the Shasta congregation will be brought up as early, or before, the completion of the building.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, June 5, 1858**

Catholic Church—A contract has been made for the early erection of the new Catholic Church building and work will soon be resumed upon it. It will be completed in August.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, September 11, 1858**

Catholic Church—The Catholic Church building, lately situated upon the hill at the West of town, has been moved down to the foot of the same hill, and considerably enlarged and improved. It will now comfortably accommodate a large congregation.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, September 11, 1858**

Organ For The Catholic Church—The splendid organ lately built in Marysville for the Catholic Church in this place has been sent for and will be here in about ten days. It is said to be a most excellent musical instrument. The services of a lady, now in Weaverville, have been secured to perform upon it. The same lady will soon open a school in this place.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, September 18, 1858**

Catholic Ministration—Father P. O'Reiley, Pastor of Weaverville, will preach at the Catholic Church, in this place, at 10 o'clock, A.M., to-morrow morning.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, September 18, 1858**

New School—Miss M. O'Connor late of Weaverville, will open a school, next week, in the Catholic Church in this place.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, October 2, 1858**

Schools—The Public School, Miss D. M. Evans, Teacher, and a school in the Catholic Church, Miss Connor, Teacher, were opened on Monday last. Both schools promise to be well attended.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, October 2, 1858**

Catholic Church Organ—The excellent organ lately manufactured in Marysville for the Shasta Catholic Church will, it is expected, arrive here today. It will be put in order in a few days. Miss Connor has been selected as performer.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 9, 1858**

The Organ—The magnificent organ for the new Catholic Church in this place, arrived on Wednesday last. The builder is also in town for the purpose of putting it in proper order. He will perform on it in the Catholic Church at 6½ o'clock on to-morrow evening. As he is reported to be an accomplished organist, our citizens may enjoy a rich treat by being present on the occasion. He will also perform the Sunday following at the same hour.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, October 16, 1858**

Judgment Affirmed—The judgment of the District Court, in the case of McGill vs. Rainaldi, has been affirmed by the Supreme Court. The suit was for labor in the construction of the foundation of the new Catholic Church in the lower part of town. The jury gave the plaintiff a verdict of something over a thousand dollars, and the defendant appealed. The following is the unanimous opinion of the Supreme Court:

McGill vs. Rainaldi—There is no statement embodied in the record; and the case must be determined upon the judgment roll; and this discloses no error. The appeal is frivolous, and was evidently taken for delay.

Judgment affirmed, with ten per cent damages.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, October 16, 1858**

Catholic Church Organ—The organ built in Marysville for the use of the Catholic Church in this place, was received last week, and on Sunday evening last, its music constituted an attractive feature in the service. The instrument is of excellent tone. It has been obtained at a cost of about $1,400.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, October 16, 1858**

Catholic Fair—The Catholic congregation of Shasta will hold a fair, commencing two days before Christmas next, and continuing until New Years. The object is to pay the liabilities of the Church and provide for its expenses.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, December 18, 1858**

Catholic Fair—The Fair for the benefit of the Catholic Church of this place will commence in one of the large rooms on the first floor of the Charter Oak Hall on Thursday next. Extensive preparations have been made to render the Fair attractive to the public. All denominations are invited to attend. The festival will continue for several days after Christmas. At 12 o'clock, midnight, on Christmas Eve high mass will be celebrated at the church on which occasion the builder of the organ will be present and preform upon it.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, December 25, 1858**

Thanks—The Ladies of the Catholic congregation desire to return their sincere thanks to those who have visited the Fair. The Fair commenced on Thursday evening last and will be continued until some evening in the coming week.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 1, 1859**

The Fair—The Catholic Fair thus far has proved quite a successful affair. Many of the young men have gone in and "spent their money free"—being tempted thereto, we fear, more by the smiles of the "fair" than a desire to assist in the commendable objects of the Fair.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, January 1, 1859**

The Catholic Fair closed on Thursday evening with a dance. It was a success. The fair was numerously attended and the profit to the congregation must have been considerable. The story circulated yesterday that several hundred dollars of the funds realized had been run away with, proved to be incorrect.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 8, 1859**

Handsome Yield—The Catholic Fair, which concluded in this place on Saturday night last, yielded the very handsome sum of upwards of $2,000.

SHASTA HERALD **Saturday, December 24, 1859**

All members of the Catholic Church, and lovers of good music of every denomination, will recollect that High Mass will be celebrated at the Catholic Church at 12 o'clock on Christmas Eve. The ceremonies on such occasions are usually exceedingly interesting. The Rev. James Croke, Vicar General, will be present and participate in the proceedings. He is now collecting, by order of the Archbishop, funds for the purpose of founding a college at San Francisco. The Church will be ornamented as usual for the holidays.

SHASTA HERALD **Saturday, December 24, 1859**

The Rev. James Croke, Vicar General, will Preach at High Mass, at 12 o'clock, Christmas Eve. The music will be directed by Mr. Weston.

On Monday evening, at 6 o'clock, all Catholics are requested to meet at the Priest's House.

SHASTA HERALD **Saturday, December 31, 1859**

McGill vs. Rinaldi—This case has created considerable interest, involving as it did, the Catholic Church property of this place. We learn that the judgement obtained by McGill, against Rinaldi in behalf of the Church, has been compromised, and satisfactorially settled.

SHASTA HERALD **Saturday, December 31, 1859**

The Catholic Church—There was a large attendance at the Catholic Church on Christmas Eve to witness the celebration of High Mass. The Right Rev. James Croake was present, assisted by Rev. Father Rinaldi. The music under the direction of Mr. Weston, who was assisted by some of the choicest voices of the neighborhood, was all that might delight the "dainty ear." This Church possesses one of the best toned organs in the State, and under the skillful management of the performer—together with an excellent choir—throws an attraction around the Church which adds greatly to its advantage.

SHASTA HERALD **Saturday, January 7, 1860**

Catholic College—We learn that Father Croke was quite successful in obtaining subscriptions in this place, for the establishment of a Catholic College in San Francisco.

SHASTA HERALD **Saturday, March 24, 1860**

A Good Preacher—A large audience was present at the Catholic Church last Sunday, to listen to Rev. Father Gallagher, of San Francisco, who has become familiarly known here through his able letters published a year ago in the *Standard*. He has a very pleasing and logical manner of speaking.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 31, 1860**

Shasta Union Seminary—The Spring Term of Shasta Union Seminary will commence April 16, under the superintendence of Prof. G. K. Godfrey, together with a sufficient number of competent female teachers.

The school will open in Dr. Briceland's house, a healthy place and pleasant location.

The Superintendent will endeavor to make it a High School for boys, and a first class Female Seminary, wherein children of both sexes can graduate with a classical education.

PROF. G. K. GODFREY, Principal, will give instruction in Moral and Intellectual Philosophy, Elocution and Astronomy.

MISS VIENNA C. JACKSON, Preceptress, will teach the elements of Latin, French, Mathematics, Drawing, Wax, Fruit, Flower and Hair Work, Pellis Work, Oriental, Grecian and Italian Painting.

DR. J. M. BRICELAND will instruct a class in Chemistry and Physiology.

MISS CARRIE A. HARRIS will teach Arithmetic, Geography, History and Grammar, and give lessons in Music on the Guitar and Piano.

TUITION—For the term of twelve weeks, lower English branches, including elements of Arithmetic, Geography, History and Grammar $20.00
Higher English branches and Ancient Languages, including Philosophy, Botany, Mathematics, Painting, Drawing, Chemistry, Physiology and Astronomy $25.00

NOTE: *The Shasta Union Seminary was purchased by the Catholic Church in 1863 and fitted up as a place of worship.*

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 7, 1860**

Easter—Yesterday was Good Friday, the anniversary of the crucifixion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To-morrow is Easter Sunday, the anniversary of the day upon which He, the Son of God, triumphed over death and the grave. Last Sabbath was Palm Sunday, being the anniversary of the day upon which our Saviour rode into Jerusalem upon the back of an ass.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 7, 1860**

Notice—Grand High Mass will be celebrated at the Catholic Church, Shasta, to-morrow, (Easter Sunday) at 10 o'clock, A. M., with music of Mozart's Grand Mass, No. 12, under the direction of Mr. A. Weston.

SHASTA HERALD **Saturday, April 14, 1860**

Church Matters—We have heard several who were present at the Catholic Church on Easter Sunday, speak very highly of the manner in which it was conducted. The choir was large, and several new musical compositions produced with great effect. The same Mass will be sung Sunday week.

The following notes are written in the Baptismal Register, Sacred Heart Church, Red Bluff:

The Rev. Patrick O'Reilly has been entrusted with the charge of the Shasta and Horsetown churches on the 3d of May 1860 by the Most Rev. Joseph S. Alemany, Arch Bishop of San Francisco. Up to the above mentioned date, the real actual debt contracted on the church, was as far as could be ascertained from Father Renaldi, the preceding Pastor and also from the tradition of the congregation $600, a balance due to Mr. Meyer then resident of Marysville on the organ.

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SHASTA HERALD **Saturday, May 19, 1860**

High Mass will be celebrated at the Catholic Church by Father O'Reilly, next Sunday morning.

SHASTA HERALD **Saturday, May 19, 1860**

Departure of Rev. Ralph Rinaldi—Father Rinaldi left a few days ago for San Francisco, in or near which he will probably be hereafter located. He has long been associated with the Catholic Church in this place, and by his untiring activity and industry has done much to strengthen the church and its congregation. We learn that Rev. Father O'Reilly of Weaverville, will succeed him here. He is a well known and popular preacher, and the appointment no doubt will be very satisfactory to the congregation, and the people generally.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 26, 1860**

Change of Pastor—We omitted last week to state that Rev. Ralph Rainaldi, who for five years has performed his ministrations in the Catholic Church in this place, has been transferred to some other station by the Archbishop, and the Rev. Father O'Reilly, of Weaverville, appointed to fill his place. Father O'Reilly is said to be a man of great learning and eloquence. We understand his pastorate will include Shasta and Trinity counties, and that he will shortly be furnished an assistant by the Archbishop.

TRINITY JOURNAL **Saturday, May 26, 1860**

Catholic Pastorate—We very much regret that Rev. Father O'Reiley will probably be called to the charge of the Church in Shasta. He is held in high esteem by his people here, as well as by citizens generally.

8TH CENSUS, 1860 **SHASTA COUNTY** **POST OFFICE, SHASTA**

Enumerated Fourth Day of June 1860
The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June 1860, was in this family:

R. Rainaldi	52 years	C. Priest	born Italy
Margarette Rainaldi	47 years		do
Mary Obrien	12 years		born Illinois
David Cronin	23 years	Laborer	born Ireland
Patrick Kennedy	42 years	Gardner	do

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 16, 1860**

An Eloquent Divine—Persons who love to listen to the preaching of an eloquent divine, may be gratified by attending service at the Catholic Church. We are informed by competent judges that Father O'Riley preaches with great power and eloquence.

SHASTA HERALD **Saturday, July 7, 1860**

A New Catholic College—Father Croke, (says the *Monitor*) has already collected $12,000 toward establishing a new Catholic school to be called St. Mary's College, and to be located on six 50-vara lots that have already been purchased in San Francisco. The college is to be opened in the spring of 1861; the price of board and tuition has been fixed at $150 a year for each student. Father Croke last week set out on a new tour of collections for this cause.

NOTE: *A vara is a Spanish and Portuguese measure of length, varying in different localities from about 32 in. to about 43 in.*

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 21, 1860**

Valuable Property for Sale—The Rev. Ralph Rainaldi offers for sale, in another column, some very valuable and desirable property. A man of moderate means, desirous of engaging in fruit growing, would do well to call upon Father Rainaldi and examine his property. We refer to the advertisement in another column.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 21, 1860**

A Bargain For Sale; A Vineyard—Containing about Fifteen Acres, situated on Spring Creek, 2½ miles from the town of Shasta, with dwelling house, together with 4,500 Grape Vines, a part of which are bearing fruit this year, and 250 Apple Trees, young and thrifty, 20 Peach Trees, yielding fruit this year. Also,

A Ditch with plenty of water for mining purposes, or irrigation. Also,

One Dwelling House, to which is attached a brick Milk House, a Kitchen and Stable, all in good repair. Together with about 7 acres of Land, on which there are a large number of Grape Vines, and Apple, Peach, Pear, Plum and Fig Trees, most of which are bearing fruit this year, and situated within three minutes walk of the town of Shasta.

For particulars, inquire of the Rev. Father Rainaldi, living on the premises.

Shasta, July 18, 1860

Upper Main Street, Shasta **(Mullen Collection, Shasta Historical Society)**

TRINITY JOURNAL **Saturday, July 28, 1860**

Valuable Property For Sale In Shasta—Rev. Father Rinaldi advertises in another column that he will sell, at a bargain, all his property in Shasta, and on Spring Creek. In town he has a residence and seven acres of land, on which are a large number of bearing fruit trees and vines, and on Spring Creek a vineyard of about fifteen acres, together with a large number of apple and peach trees, and a good dwelling house. Persons desirous of purchasing such property can ascertain full particulars by communicating with the Rev. gentleman above mentioned.

TRINITY JOURNAL **Saturday, December 15, 1860**

New Bishop For California—Our Catholic population will be glad to learn that Rev. Eugene O'Connell, of All Hallows' College, Dublin, Ireland, is to be consecrated Bishop. He will have charge of the northern portion of California, from latitude 39° to the Oregon boundary line—Marysville being his Episcopal residence. Father O'Connell was one of the pioneer clergymen of California, formerly attached to the church of St. Francis, in San Francisco, and was generally beloved for his intelligence and goodness.

Bishop Eugene O'Connell, D.D.
1815-1891
Vicar Apostolic of Marysville, 1861-1868
First Bishop of Grass Valley, 1868-1884
Titular Bishop of Joppa, 1884-1891
(Historical Archives, University of San Francisco)

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 22, 1860**

Midnight Mass will be celebrated in the Catholic Church, in this place on Christmas Eve. Second church will be held at French Gulch.

TRINITY JOURNAL **Saturday, January 5, 1861**

Christmas Eve At Shasta—The *Herald* says that High Mass was celebrated at the Catholic church at midnight, and a sermon delivered by Rev. Father O'Reiley. The ceremony was very interesting, and the attendance large.

TRINITY JOURNAL **Saturday, February 23, 1861**

Grand High Mass—The new Catholic Church in this place (Weaverville) will be opened on Sunday, March 17th, with a grand high mass. The Shasta Choir has volunteered its services on that occasion. . . .

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA **Wednesday, March 13, 1861**

Married—In Shasta, March 6th, Henry Blumb to Mary Garrecht.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 6, 1861**

Father O'Reiley's Church, in Weaverville, says the *Journal*, is the chief architectural ornament of that town. Cost $9,000, of which sum the Rev. Father raised $7,000 by subscription. Loved by his flock as a minister, and esteemed in his social relations by all classes, Father O'Reiley cannot fail to accomplish much good in this part of the moral vineyard.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 3, 1861**

Right Rev. Dr. O'Connell, Bishop of Marysville, who was expected in Shasta on Sunday, will not be here, as we learned by telegraph, owing to circumstances beyond his control.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 21, 1861**

Catholic Church—The Rev. Mr. Kums, assistant to Rev. Father O'Reilly, has arrived, and will officiate in the Catholic Church in this place to-morrow. We welcome this gentleman to our midst, as the labors of Father O'Reilly have been too arduous, and trust he will find this as agreeable as no doubt it will be a profitable field to labor in.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 5, 1861**

Catholic Church—In less than two days $66.50 have been collected in Shasta by the Rev. Father Kums, towards the erection of a substantial picket fence around the Church. The work was begun forthwith, and it is hoped that all liberal-minded men will contribute a little towards an undertaking that was so much needed. The total expenditure will come little short of $200. Nothing is more agreeable to the sight, and more soothing to the lacerated heart of the weary traveler, than to discover from the rugged top of a bleak dusty hill, smiling in the distance, "the House of Prayer," bright with cleanness, peeping through bushes evergreen, and sending forth amidst the perfumes of flowers everlasting, the "good odor of Christ."

F. K.

P.S. There will be service at the Catholic Church to-morrow, by the Rev. Father Kums.

TRINITY JOURNAL **Saturday, November 23, 1861**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father O'Reiley has returned to Weaverville, where he will permanently reside for the winter.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 15, 1862**

Catholic Church—There will be service in the Catholic Church, Shasta, to-morrow (Sunday) at 10½ o'clock, A. M., by Rev. Father O'Reilly.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 1, 1862**

Great Storm—During the week we have again been visited with a most destructive storm of rain and snow. It commenced snowing on Friday of last week, and continued through Saturday until it reached the depth of sixteen inches. The greater part of Sunday, all of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the rain fell in torrents. The snow was quickly washed off, and we look for a greater flood than we have had before this season.

Several houses were pretty much ruined by the snow. The roof of the Catholic Church fell in; so did a part of the roof of Desmond's hotel. As we write the rain is falling in torrents. On Trinity Mountain the snow was four or five feet in depth. Sacramento City will be inundated for the third time this season, beyond a doubt, in our opinion.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 24, 1862**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father O'Reilly will celebrate Mass in the Hall of Desmond's California House, on Sunday (to-morrow) at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 6, 1862**

Catholic Service—Rev. Father Delahunty will have Divine Service at the Court House, in this place, on Sunday, (to-morrow) at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 21, 1863**

Lent—Wednesday, the 18th inst., was Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.—Archbishop Alemany has published the following regulations for Lent 1863, as follows: All the week days from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th, to Easter Sunday, are fast days of precept on one meal, with a moderate collation.

2. The use of meat is allowed, save on Wednesdays and Fridays, the Ember days, and Thursday and Saturday of Holy Week. All Saturdays are days of abstinence, but not of obligation. The pastors can grant the use of meats in cases of necessity.

3. Fish and flesh must not be eaten at the same meal during Lent.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 21, 1863**

Catholic Service—Rev. Father O'Reilly will have Divine Service in Shasta on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 18, 1863**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father O'Reilly will hold Divine Service at the Court House in this place, to-morrow (Sunday) at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 8, 1863**

Catholic Church—The building heretofore known as the "Shasta Union Seminary" has been purchased and fitted up as a Catholic Church. Divine Service will be held there on Sunday (to-morrow) at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Shasta—The building with a cross at the left of the picture is the Catholic church, formerly the Shasta Union Seminary. (Courtesy Mabel Moores Frisbie)

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 26, 1863**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father O'Reilly will hold Divine Service at the Catholic Church, in this place, on Sunday, 27th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 2, 1864**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father O'Reilly will hold Divine Service at the following times and places:

French Gulch, Sunday, January 3d.
Shasta, Sunday, January 10th.
Horsetown, Sunday, January 17th.
Red Bluff, Sunday, January 24th.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 16, 1864**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father McNulty will hold Divine Service in the Catholic Church, in this place, on Sunday, 24th inst.

TRINITY JOURNAL **Saturday, May 21, 1864**

Appointment—Rev. P. O'Reiley, late pastor of the Weaverville Catholic Church, has been appointed to the charge of the Catholic Churches of Gold Hill and American Flat (N. T.) by the Right Reverend Bishop O'Connell. So we learn from the *Old Piute*.

TRINITY JOURNAL **Saturday, June 18, 1864**

Personal—Bishop O'Connell, of Marysville, after a short sojourn in Weaverville, left for Oregon on Wednesday morning. Rev. Father McNulty accompanied him as far as Trinity Center.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 17, 1864**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father Paul will hold Divine Service in the Catholic Church in this place, on Sunday (to-morrow) at 10½ o'clock A. M.

From a letter of Rev. Emmanuel Sprigler, C.P.
Provincial Archivist
Chicago, Illinois
Dated December 8, 1975

There is one mention of Father Paul Hyacinth in the record book, page 113, of St. Joseph's Church, under date of June 12, 1864, and then no further mention of him in your part of the country. What had me nonplussed was the fact that Father Paul Hyacinth was not listed among the first Passionists to land in California after an abortive attempt to make a foundation in Australia. This first group was under the leadership of the rather renowned Father Peter Magagnotto. I finally discovered that he made a trip to Rome in April, 1863, and returned with seven young priests to work the California territory—Fathers Amadeo Garibaldi, Guido Matassi, John Philip Baudinelli, Paul Hyacinth Graeco, Ildephonso Obach, Angelo Lugero, John Gismondi. The group sailed from New York for San Francisco on July 3, 1863, and then proceeded on to Marysville. From there they went on to Virginia City where they had been assigned by Bishop O'Connell. Father Patrick Manogue, later first bishop of Sacramento, was in possession of St. Mary's Church, Virginia City. After staying with him for a few weeks, Father Peter moved across the Divide and founded a new parish and a small monastic home under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception. Four of the Fathers were sent to learn English with the Dominicans at Benicia. Two of the Fathers assisted at St. Joseph's, Marysville. Father Guido Matassi's name shows up there in the baptismal register 8 times between October 11, 1863 and February 24, 1864. Obviously the

"other Father" was your elusive Paul Hyacinth Graeco, with that lone entry! It also seems fairly obvious that he is the man who said mass in Shasta. Those men were quite itinerant and traveled the district quite extensively, at least relatively speaking.

I have no further light on Paul Hyacinth until the abandonment of all Passionist work on the West Coast. The Fathers were sent east and employed to great advantage. Then, when we were offered a chance to make a foundation in Mexico, at Tacubaya, a suburb of Mexico City, Father Paul Hyacinth was one of the men sent down to begin the work. This is the extent of my information as available here in this Province, and I trust that it will be of some service.

TRINITY JOURNAL **Saturday, September 24, 1864**

Catholic Church Service—We are requested to state that Father Paul Greco will hold service at the Catholic Church (Weaverville) on next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Father McNulty, the late pastor and a most estimable man, is at present doing church duty in Mendocino county.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 17, 1864**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father Paul Greco will hold Divine Service in the Catholic Church, Shasta, on Sunday, (to-morrow), at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 24, 1864**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father Paul Greco will hold Divine Service at the Catholic Church, in this place, on Saturday night, (Christmas Eve,) at 12 o'clock, midnight; also on Sunday at 8 o'clock, A. M., and High Mass will be celebrated at 11 A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 14, 1865**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father McNulty will hold Divine Service in the Catholic Church, in this place, on Sunday, 22d inst., at 10½ o'clock, A. M., and at Horsetown on Sunday, 29th.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 29, 1865**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father McNulty assisted by Rev. Father Buchard, S. J., will hold Divine Service in the Catholic Church, Shasta at 8 and 10 o'clock, A. M., on Sunday, August 6th. Father Buchard will preach at 10 o'clock.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 6, 1866**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father McNulty will hold Divine Service in the Shasta Catholic Church on Sunday, January 14th, and in Horsetown on the following Sunday, 21st.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 30, 1866**

Catholic Church—Right Rev. Bishop O'Connell, D. D., assisted by Rev. J. McNulty will hold Divine Service, and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, in the Catholic Church, in this place, on Sunday, July 1st, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

FROM THE BAPTISMAL REGISTER
Sacred Heart Church, Red Bluff
July 1, 1866

Confirmations
Thomas Joseph Hayne
Richard Dunn
John Charles Lynch
Edward Daniel Sweeney
Sponsors: Andrew Cusick, John Driscoll

Margaret Marie Mullen
Magdalina Garrecht
Sarah Marie Maher
Alicia Zenitia Maher
Ellen Alicia Conmy
Alicia Theresa Mahoney
Maria Anna Driscoll
Maria Anna Roche
Sponsors: Marie Conmy, Susanne Woodward, Margaret Lynch, Catherine Scott

Bishop: Eugene O'Connell
Pastor: John McNulty

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 11, 1866**

Rev. Father McNulty—This gentleman, for nearly three years Pastor of the Catholic Church of Tehama, Trinity and Shasta, left us on Friday morning for other fields of labor, carrying with him the friendship and love of his own church people, and the respect and well wishes of all members of other denominations who became acquainted with him while amongst us.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 18, 1866**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father O'Kane will hold Divine Service in the Catholic Church, in this place, on Sunday, August 19th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 1, 1867**

Southern Relief Fund—A public meeting will be held in Shasta, on the evening of Thursday the 20th inst., in aid of the Southern Relief Fund.

Rev. Father Buchard, an eminent and eloquent divine, will be present, and deliver a lecture. We hope for a large attendance of our citizens on the occasion.

S. Hull.
E. Lewin.
J.M. Briceland.
A. Coleman.
John J. Conmy.
J. E. Pelham.
Felix Tracy.
Benj. Shurtleff.
John V. Scott.
J. Isaacs.
R.T. Sprague.
J. W. Garden.
J. S. Follansbee.
D. H. Dunn.
L. Wellendorff.
John Craddock.
Chas. Boell.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 15, 1867**

Divine Service—Rev. Father O'Kane will hold Divine Service in the Catholic Church, in this place, on Thursday, June 20th—the festival of Corpus Christi.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 22, 1867**

Southern Relief Fund.—Rev. Father Buchard delivered a lecture at the Court House, in this place, on Thursday evening, for the benefit of the Southern Relief Fund. The lecture was an able and interesting one, and although the attendance was not large, the sum of eighty seven dollars was collected for the Fund. A committee of five was appointed, with power to appoint sub-committees in every precinct, for the purpose of making a thorough canvass of the county for this praiseworthy object.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 4, 1868**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father Grace will hold Divine Service in the Catholic Church, in this place, on Sunday (to-morrow,) at the usual hour.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 15, 1868**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father Grace will hold Divine Service, with musical accompaniment, on Sunday, February 23d, at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 11, 1868**

Holy Week—Yesterday was Good Friday, the anniversary of the crucifixion of our Saviour—the most solemn of all the festivals of the Catholic Church. To-morrow will be Easter Sunday, the anniversary of the resurrection of our Lord from the dead.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 11, 1868**

Catholic Church—Right Rev. Bishop O'Connell, assisted by Rev. Father Grace, will hold Divine Service, and administer the sacrament of Confirmation, in the Shasta Catholic Church, on Sunday (to-morrow) at 10½ o'clock, A. M. Father Grace will visit French Gulch on Sunday, 19th, and Horsetown on Sunday, 26th inst.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 1, 1868**

Dead—Rev. Father Martin Francis Schwenninger (better known as Father Florian), died at Marysville on the 27th ult. Father Florian was well known in northern California, and one of the best men it has ever been our good fortune to become acquainted with. He was a native of Austria, aged 60 years and 5 months. May he rest in peace.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 12, 1868**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father Grace will hold Divine Service in the Catholic Church, in this place, on Sunday (to-morrow) September 13th, at French Gulch on Sunday, 20th, and at Horsetown on Sunday, 27th.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 19, 1868**

Catholic Church—We received a note from Rev. Father Grace, dated at Red Bluff, in which he regrets having disappointed the people of Shasta on Sunday last, but that it was unavoidable. He will hold Divine Service in this place on Sunday, (to-morrow,) Sept. 20th, at the usual hour.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 5, 1869**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father O'Kane will hold Divine Service in Shasta on Sunday, June 13th at 10½ o'clock A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 30, 1869**

Divine Service—Rev. Father Coleman will hold Divine Service at the Catholic Church, Shasta, Sunday Nov. 7th.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 18, 1869**

Church—Waiting or midnight mass will be held at the Catholic Church in Shasta on Christmas Eve, and at 7 o'clock on Christmas morning; at Horsetown at 10 o'clock the same day.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 8, 1870**

Married—At the residence of the bride's father, at Churntown, Jan. 1st, by Rev. P. O'Kane, Frederick Smith to Miss Mary Mullee.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 5, 1870**

Married—At the residence of the bride's father, at Horsetown, Feb. 2nd, by Rev. Father O'Kane, Mr. Martin Corrigan to Miss Kate Sweeny.

With the above notice, we received the usual wine and cake. We wish the wedded pair all possible happiness and prosperity.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 14, 1870**

Church—Rev. Father Coleman will hold Divine Service at the Catholic Church, Shasta, on Sunday, May 22nd.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 2, 1870**

Quick Time—Judge C. C. Bush left here at 2 o'clock on Monday, went to Marysville Land Office, presented his witnesses, entered the Shasta town site, and arrived at home at 2 o'clock on Wednesday. The quickest trip on record.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 2, 1870**

Shasta Town Site—. . . The town of Shasta was settled in May or June, 1849 and now contains about nine hundred inhabitants, the lowest number since the first year of its settlement. Our citizens should feel gratified that they are now secure in their homestead, and the few dollars that are to be paid for the same will doubtless be handed over cheerfully.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 30, 1870**

The dogma of infallibility was adopted in the Ecumenical Council by a vote of 450 for, 84 against, and 66 conditional. Of those opposed, 25 were from France, 26 from the United States, and the balance from England and Germany.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 24, 1870**

There will be Mass service at the Catholic Church, at Midnight on Sunday night next, and at Horsetown on Sunday at 9½ o'clock.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 14, 1871**

We are sorry to have to announce the decease of Rev. Patrick O'Reilly, late Pastor of Gold Hill, Nevada State. The deceased clergyman had a large circle of friends to whom the news of his death will be a source of deep regret.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 21, 1871**

Father Kearney will say Mass at the Catholic church, on Sunday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. and at Horsetown on Sunday the 29th, at the same hour.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 4, 1871**

Father Farley and seven Sisters of Charity came up on Tuesday's stage, en route for Yreka. The Sisters will take charge of the new Catholic Academy at Yreka.

NOTE: *These were Sisters of Mercy.*

YREKA JOURNAL **Wednesday, February 8, 1871**

Arrived—The Sisters for the Sisters' Academy in this place, seven in number, arrived last Thursday evening and were treated to an excellent supper, prepared by their friends in the Academy building. Preparations are already being made by the Sisters to receive young ladies as boarders this week, and some four or five will enter this coming Saturday. . . .

YREKA UNION **Wednesday, March 1, 1871**

St. Joseph's
Academy
—For—
Young Ladies,
Conducted By
The Sisters of Mercy,
Yreka
Siskiyou County, California

This Institution, situated in the healthy and pleasant City of Yreka, affords every facility for the acquisition of a refined and solid education. The buildings are commodious, capable of accommodating fifty or sixty young ladies, as boarders, and over one hundred day scholars. The grounds are extensive and will be portioned out into flower plots, recreation grounds, fruit and vegetable gardens.

The Course of Instruction combines all the useful branches of a complete English Education, viz: Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Algebra, Book Keeping, History, Geography, Grammar, Rhetoric, Composition, Astronomy, Use of the Globes, Botany, Natural Philosophy, Familiar Science, French, Vocal and Instrumental Music, Drawing, Painting, Plain and Ornamental Needle-work, Wax Flowers, Etc. Etc.

Pupils of all Persuasions will be equally received, and all interference with their religious opinions carefully avoided; good order however, requires that all should comply with the general regulations of the Institution.

Pupils can enter at any time during the scholastic year, and charges will be made from date of entrance.

Terms Per Quarter.
(Payable in Advance.)

Board and Tuition	$43.75
Instrumental Music (with use of Piano)	15.00
Vocal Music	7.50
Painting and Drawing	5.00
Wax Work	2.50
Washing	7.50

Each pupil must be furnished with a knife and fork, a table-spoon, a tea spoon, a goblet, table napkins, towels, three pairs of sheets, three pillow cases, a pair of blankets, and a mattress. For uniform dress inquiry is to be made at the Institution.

Terms for Day Scholars—Per Quarter
(Payable in Advance.)

Senior Class	$10.00
Junior Class	8.00
Primary Class	6.00

Letters of inquiry, etc., are to be addressed to the

Mother Superior
St. Joseph's Academy,
Yreka, California

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 3, 1871**

Church—Bishop O'Connell, of Marysville, will hold Divine Service at the Catholic Church, Shasta, on Sunday, June 11th.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 17, 1871**

Bishop O'Connell will hold Divine service at the Catholic Church, Shasta, on Sunday, June 25th.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 28, 1871**

Shasta Town Site—Having received the patent for the town site of Shasta, I hereby inform all parties interested, that I will be at the Shasta Land office, Wednesday, November 8th, to receive the pay for and give deeds to all parties entitled. Also that all lots not paid for before December 8, 1871, will be on that day at 10 o'clock A. M., be sold to the highest bidder for cash in hand in gold coin.

C. C. Bush, County Judge.
Acting for the citizens
of said Town site.
Shasta, Oct. 3d, 1871

SHASTA COUNTY RECORDS **November 8, 1871**

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C. C. Bush, County Judge, transfers to Eugene O'Connel, Bishop of Catholic Church, lots Nos. 58, 71, 171, 155 of the town of Shasta.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 11, 1871**

Catholic Services— We are requested by Rev. Father Kearney, to say that he will hold services at Horsetown, next Sabbath morning at 9½ o'clock, and at the chapel in this place, on the 19th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 13, 1872**

Church—Rev. Father Coleman has been transferred to the Red Bluff and Shasta division, and will hold Service at the Catholic Church, Shasta, on next Sunday, and will officiate at Horsetown the Sunday following.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 16, 1872**

Catholic Services—Rev. Father Coleman will hold services at the Catholic chapel in Shasta, on the second Sunday of each month. Also, on Christmas day.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 28, 1872**

Midnight Mass was celebrated at the Catholic Chapel on Christmas Eve. There was a good attendance, notwithstanding the storm.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 31, 1873**

Married—At Horsetown, May 26th, by Rev. Father Coleman, Richard G. Dunn to Alice T. Mahoney. Cake and champaign received.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 17, 1874**

Rev. Father Coleman will celebrate Mass at the Catholic Church, Shasta, next Sunday.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday January 31, 1874**

Church—Rev. Father Hunt will hold Divine Service at the Catholic Church, Shasta, next Sunday.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 20, 1874**

Rev. Father Coleman will hold Divine Service in the Catholic Church, Shasta, on Sunday, 21st inst., and in Horsetown on Sunday, 28th inst.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 8, 1874**

Father Coleman requests us to say that he cannot be in Shasta on the 4th Sunday in this month, and that Father Hunt, of Weaverville, can be called upon in all matters pertaining to this congregation meantime.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday,October 17, 1874**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father Farley will hold Divine Service in the Catholic Church, in this place, Sunday, October 18th.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 12, 1874**

Church—Divine service will be held at the Catholic Church, Shasta, on Sunday December 20th, and Midnight Mass will be celebrated on the night of December 24th.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 26, 1874**

Church—Father Farrelly desires us to say that there will be Divine service at Reading, at 10 o'clock New Year's Day, which is a holiday of obligation in the Catholic church. Service on Sunday the 3d of January at Shasta.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 13, 1875**

Church—Father Farrelly will celebrate Mass on Saint Patrick's Day at 10½ o'clock—also on the following Sunday.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 12, 1875**

Church—Rev. Bishop O'Connell will administer Confirmation and celebrate mass on Sunday 13th, assisted by Rev. Father Farrelly.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 25, 1875**

Church—Father Farley will hold Divine services at the Catholic Church on New Years Day, and also on the following Sunday.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 11, 1876**

Church—Mass will be celebrated here, this coming Sunday at Shasta. Devotions every evening at 7 o'clock during the rest of the week. On Friday next March 17th, the Feast of St. Patrick the Apostle of Ireland, there will be Mass here at 10 o'clock, and sermon.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 3, 1876**

Church—Rev. Father O'Connell will hold Divine Service at the Catholic Church, Shasta, next Sunday.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 15, 1876**

Church—Rev. Father Farrelly will hold Divine service at the Catholic church, Shasta, next Sunday.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 20, 1877**

We regret to announce the death of Rev. Father Farley, who died of pneumonia at Red Bluff on Wednesday. He was a kind hearted and genial man, highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him. By his untimely death his parishioners lose a faithful pastor and his Church a devoted servant.

THE PEOPLE'S CAUSE, RED BLUFF **Saturday, January 27, 1877**

Died—Red Bluff, January 17, 1877, Rev. Father Farrelly, aged 43 years.

THE SENTINEL, RED BLUFF **Saturday, January 27, 1877**

Funeral of Father Farrelly—We took the following account of the funeral of Rev. Father Farrelly from the Marysville *Appeal* of the 20th:

The funeral services for the repose of the Rev. Father Farrelly took place yesterday morning at St. Joseph's Cathedral, in this city. Solemn office for the dead com-

menced at 9 o'clock A. M., after which was celebrated mass, "Coram Episcope," the celebrant Rev. J. Grace, Rector for St. Joseph's Cathedral, assisted by Father Meagher, Pastor of Nevada City, as Deacon, and Rev. Andrew O'Donnell, Pastor of Colusa, as Sub-Deacon. There were many other clergymen in the sanctuary assisting, viz: Rev. Father Hunt, of Grass Valley; Rev. F. Meiler, of the Church of St. Agatha of this city; the Rev. Father Cassidy, Assistant of the Cathedral; Rev. Father O'Sullivan, as Master of Ceremonies. . . .

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 24, 1877**

Rev. Father Clark will celebrate mass in Shasta, March 4th.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 10, 1877**

Married—At the residence of the bride's father, March 5, by Rev. Father Clark, John Shed to Mary Driscoll.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 9, 1877**

Rev. Father O'Kane will hold Divine service at the Catholic church on Sunday next.

SHASTA COURIER **July 14, 1877**

Rev. Father Hunt desires us to say that he will celebrate Mass at the Catholic Church, Shasta, Sunday, July 15th.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 29, 1877**

Divine Service will be held at the Catholic Church, Shasta, at 10 o'clock New Year's Day.

SHASTA COURIER **March 2, 1878**

Married—In Shasta, Feb. 28, by Rev. Father Coleman, John Clements to Augusta Zorn.

A liberal supply of wine and cake received.

SHASTA COURIER **April 6, 1878**

Rev. Father Hunt, of Red Bluff, and Father Clark, of Weaverville, have been sojourning in town for a few days, the guests of the Empire Hotel.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 18, 1878**

There are five separate and distinct cemeteries in Shasta, namely: Catholic, Protestant, Masons and Odd Fellows, Hebrews, and Chinese.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 3, 1878**

Divine service will be held at the Shasta Catholic Church next Sunday.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 31, 1878**

The ladies belonging to the Shasta Catholic Church will give an ice-cream festival at Bystle Hall on next Thursday evening. Proceeds to go to repair the church.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 7, 1878**

The ice cream festival for the benefit of the Catholic church was a success—$130 being realized.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 7, 1879**

The last resting place of the dead is sacred ground—consecrated to tender memories of the loved and lost. The earth beneath which the remains of kindred and friends

disappear forever from mortal vision should be kept free from rude intrusion. It is the duty of the living to care for the resting places of the departed. Realizing the force of this obligation and seeing the dilapidated condition of the outside fence and gate-way of the Shasta Catholic cemetery, Mrs. Boell and other ladies of Shasta propose to have a new fence erected, so as to prevent the disturbance of graves and burial plots by hogs and other animals. To aid in this laudable work, the ladies request the support, not only of Shasta friends, but also donations from all persons who have relatives and friends buried here. Parties willing to aid, are requested to leave donations with Chas. McDonald.

READING INDEPENDENT **Thursday, January 15, 1880**

Another old land mark gone. The large pine tree which stood in front of the Catholic Cemetery at Shasta was blown down by the late severe gale, taking part of the cemetery fence with it.

READING INDEPENDENT **Thursday, July 1, 1880**

Bishop McConnell, of Marysville, was present at the confirmation, at Shasta on Sunday last. In his remarks he said that the Catholic children of Shasta and Weaverville, showed better training and learning in their catechisms that those in any other places in his district. He delivered a very fine sermon on Sunday evening to a fair congregation.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 3, 1880**

Quite a number of children were confirmed at the Catholic Church at this place on Sunday last. The class passed a very creditable examination, under the able management of Miss Josie Litsch. Bishop McConnell, of Marysville, was present, and delivered a fine sermon.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 7, 1880**

The ladies of the Shasta Catholic Church will give an ice cream festival atBystle's Hall, Friday evening, August 13, 1880, the proceeds of which will be used to repair the fence around the Catholic cemetery. The object is a worthy one, and we hope every one will be present on that occasion.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 14, 1880**

Don't forget the ice cream festival at Bystle's Hall this (Friday) evening. Let all attend and aid to make beautiful the resting places of our departed friends.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 21, 1880**

The ice cream festival on Friday evening last was well attended, the gross receipts being $106.75.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 16, 1881**

Father Hunt will hold mass in Catholic Church to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 28, 1881**

The Catholic Cemetery has been securely fenced and the efficient work performed thereon, stands as a monument of John Hoey's faithful labor and mechanical genius.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 10, 1881**

Hymenial—The event for some time anticipated in social circles—the marriage of Sheriff Sylvester Hull and Miss Celina Zorn—transpired at the residence of the bride's mother on Main street, Shasta, on last Sunday evening, Rev. Father Hunt officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by relatives and friends of the contracting parties and by a

number of invited guests, and on its conclusion congratulations followed and refreshments were served. We take occasion to acknowledge the receipt of a supply of cake and champagne which was not allowed to go to waste. In common with hosts of other friends, we wish the happy couple a long life of prosperity and domestic felicity.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 30, 1882**

Father Hunt will hold mass in Shasta, Sunday October 1st.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 6, 1883**

Rev. Father Hunt will celebrate mass in the Catholic church, Shasta, next Sunday at 10 o'clock.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 8, 1883**

Rev. Father Claire of Weaverville, was in town Wednesday and received a warm welcome from his host of friends.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 22, 1884**

Rev. Father Hunt, of Red Bluff, will hold mass at the Catholic church in Shasta next Sunday at 10 o'clock A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 25, 1885**

Married—At the residence of the bride's mother, in Shasta, April 22, 1885, Miss Josie Litsch to Will Pryor.

At 8:45 P. M. Miss Lou Litsch, sister of the bride, seated herself at the piano and began playing the wedding march when the bridal party with C. J. Litsch and Al. Irwin as ushers, followed by the bridesmaid Miss Fannie Litsch and Groomsman Fred Grotefend, followed by the bride and groom filed into the parlor and took their stations under a yoke of lilies, mosses and ferns in front of Rev. Father Hunt, of Red Bluff, who in a short and beautiful ceremony pronounced Will Pryor and Josie Litsch man and wife, after which congratulations and kissing was the order of the evening. Then followed a repast of delicious refreshments with an occasionally popping of champagne corks. In the midst of this part of the program sweet and lively strains of music was heard from the Shasta Cornet Band who had turned out in full force and tendered the newly married couple a serenade, playing several popular and pretty airs, when the doors were thrown open and the boys invited into the house to join in the banquet, after which several other tunes were played and the evening pleasantly passed in social chatting, jokes, toasts, & c., until midnight, when the gay and happy gathering departed to their several homes, wishing the newly married couple prosperity, happiness and joy. During the evening and just after the ceremony had been performed several telegrams of congratulations were received over the local telegraph line by Miss Millie Blumb from several different parties in town to the bride and groom, they both being members of that line, and an office being in the parlor.

Among the many floral decorations were several telegraphic emblems and mottoes on the walls.

The presents were numerous and handsome, coming from friends in Shasta and vicinity, Red Bluff, Oakland and San Francisco. A chiavaria party consisting of about fifty friends of the bride and groom were met before reaching the house by parties who presented them with twenty gallons of beer, two large cakes, ice cream and cigars, when the boys declared the racket off and had a moonlight picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Pryor began housekeeping the same evening of the wedding, having taken the furnished residence of Jas. Leary who is now living in San Francisco.

We, in common with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Pryor, join in wishing them great happiness and future prosperity.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 27, 1885**

Misses Jennie and Marion McDonald who have been attending the Convent of Our Sisters of Mercy at Red Bluff, returned home this week to spend the vacation here.

THE MONITOR **Wednesday, March 2, 1887**

Death of Rev. John Nulty—Last Saturday the sad news reached this city that Rev. John Nulty, rector of St. Canice's Church, Nevada City, had departed this life fortified by all the consolations of the Church and comforted by the presence of Bishop Manogue and several of his brother priests.

Father Nulty was born in the picturesque town of Navan, at the junction of the rivers Boyne and Blackwater, in the County Meath, Ireland, about the year 1840. His early education was finished in the seminary of his native town, and as he manifested that humility, piety and rectitude of conduct which are the outward signs of a vocation for the priesthood, he was sent to the celebrated College of All Hallows in Dublin, where he completed his theological studies and was ordained for the diocese of Grass Valley in 1863. . . .

His funeral took place yesterday forenoon, the remains being consigned to their last resting place beneath the altar whereon for many months he had offered up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the living and the dead among the spiritual children of God. Bishop Manogue and the priests from all the adjacent towns attended to pay the last tribute of earthly affection to one whom they had loved for his solid piety, his erudition and eloquence, as well as for the zeal which he manifested in the discharge of his sacerdotal duties.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 26, 1887**

Father McFeeley, who has for several years, officiated in this diocese, has been transferred, and we are told that Father Hunt will minister to the spiritual neccesities of those of his faith in this district.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 23, 1887**

Father Hunt will celebrate mass at the Catholic Church, Shasta, next Sunday.

FROM THE BAPTISMAL REGISTER **December 1, 1887**

Sacred Heart Church, Red Bluff:

Rev. John F. Quinn entered upon his duties as pastor of Red Bluff Mission, which included Corning on the South and Dunsmuir on the North. Frame churches existed in Tehama, Red Bluff, Redding and Shasta.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 11, 1888**

Services will be held at the Catholic church Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, by Father Quinn.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 7, 1889**

There will be mass at the Catholic church, Shasta, on Sunday, at 11 o'clock, A. M. by Father John F. Quinn.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 15, 1890**

There will be mass in Shasta, Sunday, March 16th, at 11 o'clock A. M., Father Quinn officiating.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 13, 1891**

Mass will be held at the Catholic church, by Rev. Father Quinn, Sunday, June 14th, at 9 o'clock A. M., instead of at 10:30.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 11, 1892**

There will be mass in the Shasta Catholic Church at 11 o'clock next Sunday. The collections for the orphans will be taken up at the mass.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 8, 1893**

Mass will be held at the Catholic church, Sunday, April 9th, by Father Quinn.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 10, 1894**

Mass will be held at the Catholic church on Sunday, Nov. 11th at nine o'clock A. M., by Rev. Father McGrath.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 12, 1895**

Father McGrath will hold services at the Catholic church Saturday, at 8:30 A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 5, 1896**

Last Saturday the St. Patrick church and parsonage at Weaverville was destroyed by fire which started in the parsonage kitchen. The altar and other emblem appurtenances were saved. This church was finished about thirty-six years ago. Many Shasta county people contributed to the fund for its erection. Father Patrick O'Riley was the first pastor in charge and some of the old readers of the *Courier* will recall his memory with pleasure.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, November 5, 1896**

Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Shasta next Sunday at 8:15 a.m., and in Redding at 10:30 a.m. the same morning.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 15, 1897**

Last Monday Bishop Grace of Sacramento celebrated mass, and administered the rites of confirmation to about a dozen persons in the Shasta Catholic church. The address delivered by the Bishop was able and appropriate. He made feeling allusion to his pastorate ministration in Shasta some thirty years ago when he confirmed a number of our present residents.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 15, 1897**

Among those who attended the ceremonies at the Catholic church on Monday, were Major Lyons, Mrs. May Sweeny and Mrs. Wm. Gillispie of Redding.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Monday, May 17, 1897**

. . . On Monday Bishop Grace, accompanied by Rev. Father McGrath, went in a special private carriage to Shasta, where he met many of the old congregation whom he served faithfully about 30 years ago. He confirmed a class of children and preached an instructive sermon. The Redding choir went to Shasta and sang at the services, several private carriages and a bus carrying a large number of Catholic people from Redding also accompanied the bishop to Shasta. . . .*R. B. News*

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 16, 1897**

R. M. Saeltzer and Miss Jennie Corrigan were married in Chicago last Sunday. The bride is a relative of the Corrigans of Red Bluff.

THE FREE PRESS (WEEKLY) **Saturday, December 18, 1897**

Shasta—Father McGrath celebrated mass here last Sunday, the first time in about three months.

THE MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, November 13, 1898**

Rev. Father McGrath of Red Bluff left yesterday morning for Shasta where he held services in the afternoon. To-day services will be held at Keswick.

THE MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 16, 1899**

Shasta Snapshots—Rev. C. C. McGrath celebrated mass at the Catholic Church Saturday morning.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 9, 1900**

The Catholics of Shasta are raising a fund to devote to building a small church on their lot here. One hundred and sixty dollars have been collected already, some of the Protestant residents helping the work along.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 14, 1900**

An ice cream social and dance will be given this (Saturday) evening at Literary Hall, for the purpose of adding to the Catholic Church fund.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 21, 1900**

Notwithstanding the interruption caused by the fire, the Catholic ladies did very well in a financial way at the social given last Saturday night, the amount cleared being in the neighborhood of $25. The members of the church donated the ingredients for the ice cream, and the public saw to the disposal of it, and incidently to the having of a good time. Among those attending from outside places, were: Mrs. Andy Cusick, Mr. and Mrs. Roy MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garrecht, Misses Theresa and Rebecca Martinez, Stella Breslauer, Edna and Ella Behrens, Myrtle Hall, Susie Cusick, Messrs. Culver, Bartley, Smithson, Samden, Jesse Woodward, Jas. Iler, W. Robinson, and Wm. Martinez.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 8, 1900**

Rev. Father McGrath held mass here this morning.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 4, 1901**

Bishop Grace will hold confirmation at Redding Sunday. Misses Mary Krauss and Maude Pryor will be among those confirmed.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 11, 1901**

Mrs. Henry Blumb, Miss Millie Blumb and Miss Louise Litsch attended the Catholic services conducted at Redding Sunday by Bishop Grace.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, August 10, 1902**

Old Town Of Shasta Barely Escapes Destruction By Fire—. . . .The Protestant and Catholic cemeteries were in the pathway and both were soon in the grasp of the flames. The enclosing fences, the grass and shrubbery were burned, and many of the tombstones that marked the resting places of loved ones were either destroyed or badly charred.

THE FREE PRESS **Friday, January 23, 1903**

Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Shasta next Sunday at 8:45 a.m. and in Redding at 10:45 on the same morning.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, July 12, 1903**

Shasta is to have a new Catholic Church. The contract has been let and work will be commenced upon it in a few days.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 18, 1903**

The new Catholic church is under course of construction. It is being built on the lot the old church occupied and a little closer to the street than the old site.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, October 3, 1903**

Miss Lou Litsch of Shasta was here this week soliciting subscriptions to be applied to the new Catholic Church in Shasta. The young lady was much gratified at the success with which she met.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 29, 1905**

The new Catholic church has received a new coat of paint and finishing touches have been put on the inside of the building, preparing it for the dedication which will take place next Monday morning.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 2, 1905**

Bishop Blesses New Church—Monday morning Bishop Grace, accompanied by Fathers Nugent, Huesges, Brady and Fisher, went to Shasta and dedicated the new church in that good old town. This is the third Catholic church for Shasta. The first one, built in early days, was crushed to the ground by a heavy fall of snow. The second, built to replace the one destroyed, did service for almost half a century, being torn down only a year or so ago, when from age and decay it had become unsafe. A stone foundation for a large Catholic church still stands in Shasta. Elaborate plans for a splendid church were made years ago, but the building never got beyond the foundation, owing to the hard times that came with the decline of the placer mining industry. The little frame church dedicated yesterday cost $1000 and will be adequate to Shasta's needs for many years to come.

St. Mary's Church, Shasta, California. Dedicated May 1, 1905 by Bishop Thomas Grace

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, April 14, 1906**

Easter Sunday At Churches—Catholic mass in Shasta at 9 and in Redding at 11 o'clock.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, November 12, 1910**

Mass in Shasta at 8:30 and in Redding at 10:30.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, March 7, 1911**

Shasta Pioneers' Golden Wedding—Shasta, March 6.—This is a memorable date to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blumb of Shasta, for on this day fifty years ago at this place they stood in the presence of relatives and were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the late Father Farley of Red Bluff.

It is a fact worthy of mention that on March 6, 1911, with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. John Craddock, who will celebrate their golden wedding this summer, Mr. and Mrs. Blumb are the only remaining couple of the many who fifty years ago made Shasta

a prosperous city of happy homes. Even among a great number more recently married, the hand of death has severed the golden circle.

Sunday afternoon was made an occasion for offering good wishes and congratulations by friends of the Blumbs. Many called at their pretty home and the stormy weather outside was brightened by the cheer of good will within.

Of the decorations the central ornament was an artistic arrangement of fern and daffodils, surmounted by a golden inscription, "50 years," from which depended numerous golden ribbons attached to cards bearing appropriate sentiments from acquaintances far and near.

The bride of fifty years received other tokens, among them being a gold thimble from various Shasta friends, a brooch and bonbon tongs from two old-time German schoolmates and a gold pen from Mrs. Nellie Dobrowsky of Redding, who as a popular young schoolteacher and belle had known the host and hostess in the prosperous days of Copper City, where Mr. Blumb conducted a bakery for a time.

Excepting those few years in Copper City, the married life of this pair has been spent in Shasta, where their children grew to honorable manhood and womanhood. Two sons, Henry and Joseph Blumb, and three daughters, Mrs. Millie Early, Mrs. J. H. Oliver and Mrs. Harry Davidson have blessed the union. No shadow of sorrow has darkened the home circle and the burden of years rests lightly upon them. It is the wish of those who have proved their friendship with the passage of years, that continued prosperity and happiness may attend them.

At the close of the day some of the children of old-timers, who may have frowned on such demonstration by their offspring, and who can themselves show "silver threads among the gold," stole up to the residence and serenaded the occupants with the lively strains of the regulation charivari.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, August 14, 1914**

Catholic Notice—Saturday, August 15, being a holiday of obligation, mass will be celebrated in Redding at 8 o'clock, and at Shasta at 10 o'clock. Mass in Redding Sunday, August 16, at 9 o'clock.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Monday, November 16, 1914**

Shasta—The Catholic church is being painted and renovated. Carl Prehn and his brother, Louis Prehn, are doing the work.

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, June 10, 1950**

Catholics Plan Mass At Shasta—Catholics will open the Centennial celebration tomorrow with a mass at Shasta at 9 a.m. honoring the Rev. Father Raphael Rinaldi, early day priest.

The Rev. Father A. T. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's parish here, said the ceremonies will be held in the ruins of the old church.

The Rev. Father Henry L. Walsh, Santa Clara university historian, and author of *Hallowed Were the Gold Dust Trails*, will deliver the sermon.

Father Gavin pointed out that, although the mass will honor Father Rinaldi, history will prove that the Rev. Florian Schwenninger established the first Catholic church in Shasta in 1853. He left Shasta in 1855 for Weaverville and was replaced by Father Rinaldi, who moved the church in 1858 to the present site, with the aid of miners who were after the gold to be found beneath the former location of the building.

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, June 12, 1950**

Catholics Pay Honor To Early Shasta Pioneers—Shasta county Catholics honored early-day pioneers of all faiths yesterday with a special mass at St. Joseph's church at 9 a.m.

The ceremonies had been scheduled to be held at the foundation of the church started by the Rev. Father Raphael Rinaldi, early day Shasta priest, but was transferred here because of rain.

The Rev. Father Henry L. Walsh of Santa Clara university, and an authority on California history, celebrated the mass. He is author of the book, *Hallowed Were the Gold Dust Trails.*

In his sermon yesterday, he recalled the history of Father Rinaldi, and of the priest who came before him, the Rev. Father Florian Schwenninger.

Father Schwenninger arrived in America in 1844, and in Shasta county in 1853. Born at the foot of the Austrian Alps, he probably had asked for duty in the mountains, Father Walsh said.

He extended his parish not only to nearby mining towns, but also to Weaverville, and later into Siskiyou county. His last missionary days were spent at Sawyer's Bar.

Father Rinaldi, who followed him, built the county's first church at Shasta in 1855. The site was over a gold deposit, and miners persuaded him to move the building to a new site near the church cemetery.

Only a few fragments remain of the old church. Father Rinaldi built a stone foundation for what was to have been a new building, but the plan was dropped as gold deposits failed, and Shasta lost out in its fight to be on the railroad. The mass yesterday was to have been held within the foundation of the second church.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, December 4, 1952**

Services To Honor Basilica–A plaque honoring Father Raphael Rinaldi's basilica of 1856 at Shasta will be dedicated at 2 p.m. Sunday by Rev. Father Henry L. Walsh of Santa Clara university and author of *Hallowed Were the Gold Dust Trails.*

The Rev. John O'Connor, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, will be in charge of ceremonies and a student group from St. Joseph's school will sing a song under the direction of Sister Teresita.

Dedication of Plaque, Father Rainaldi's Foundation, December 7, 1952
(Courtesy Shasta State Historic Park)

A color guard from the American Legion post 197 will be present.

Father Rinaldi was sent to Shasta county early in the 1850's by Archbishop Alemany to help Father Florian Schwenninger, the pioneer priest of northern California.

Father Rinaldi, seeing monthly gold shipments of $500,000 leaving the town of Shasta, decided to build a basilica out of cut stone that would surpass anything in the placer gold country.

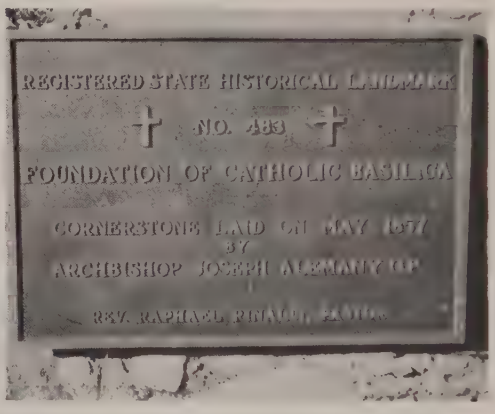
Archbishop Alemany of San Francisco officiated at the laying of the cornerstone in May of 1857 at Shasta, but the task of completing the basilica proved too much for Father Rinaldi, and the foundation which stands today was all that was completed.

In case of rain, the ceremonies will be held at the St. Joseph's church in Redding. Louise Litsch and Mrs. Maude Whaley furnished the plaque and Father Walsh wrote the wording for it.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, September 23, 1967**

Priest Built Only The Beginning Of His Dream— By Doug Detling

Shasta.—Chinese trees of heaven grow thick near the walls of lichen-covered granite stone. In spring star thistle and thick grass grow profusely in the red clay. Now the items are dry and ugly.



A plaque at the southern end of what looks like the start of a building reads: "Registered State Historical Monument No. 483, Foundation of Catholic Basilica, Cornerstone laid on May 1857 by Archbishop Joseph Alemany, O. P., Rev. Raphael Rinaldi, Pastor."

The landmark was once intended to be a majestic Catholic Church, but from all indications today its founder wasn't a good businessman. What started as a wonderful dream must have ended in a nightmare for the Catholic pastor.

Present day historians of Shasta County have neglected to do extensive research on history and existing written accounts conflict.

Inaccuracies in the spelling of the priest's name were accepted by earlier historians without question.

Henry J. Walsh, a Northern California church historian, in his book, *Hallowed Were the Gold Dust Trails* (published in 1948), spells the name Rinaldi.

A Shasta County historian, Rosena Giles, spelled the name Rinaldo in her *History of Shasta County* (published in 1949).

The state accepted Walsh's spelling.

But baptismal records of the tiny Shasta church, which are now on file in the Catholic Church in Red Bluff, indicate the priest spelled his name differently.

The Rev. Eidan O'Reilly of the Red Bluff Church told the Record-Searchlight that records signed by the Catholic priest show the name spelled Rainaldi.

Deeds recorded in the Shasta County Court House also show the name spelled with the additional letter.

The story of Father Rainaldi's foundation began as early as 1853 when the Rev. Florian Schwinninger, a Benedictine monk, came to Shasta from Europe.

Father Schwinninger erected a tiny church at the top of the hill in Shasta City.

Walsh said it was discovered that Father Schwinninger's church had been located on "rich placer diggings, and the church was moved to the bottom of the hill, where the

grateful miners helped to support it with generous donations." This church was apparently used while Father Rainaldi dreamed.

Father Rainaldi succeeded Father Schwinninger on Feb. 19, 1855, Walsh said. The Giles history quotes one source, unnamed in the text, as having said Father Rinaldi had "no guile and less business ability."

If the Walsh accounts of the church's history in Shasta City are even one-third correct, the description given in the Giles account fits.

Father Rainaldi was "determined to erect a more than ordinary house of worship in Shasta," Walsh's book said. "Coming from Italy, the land of magnificent cathedrals and basilicas, he would build an edifice that would surpass anything throughout the gold country, with walls of cut stone, and copied after the architecture of the Italian Renaissance."

Archbishop Joseph Alemany, O. P. (Order of Paulists) dedicated Father Rainaldi's church in drizzling rain May 19, 1857, despite the fact that the walls had never risen more than five feet.

But a letter from Bishop Eugene O'Connell, who came to Shasta in 1864, gives an indication of what transpired. As quoted in the Walsh account, the story is: "Although there is not a vestige of a church in that same Shasta, yet the Archbishop of San Francisco claims from me the full amount of the loan with interest, I suppose, which he advanced to Father Rinaldi (sic) whilst engaged in his Utopian scheme of building a church which he was not able to finish, owing to a lawsuit in which he got involved with the contractor and which exhausted, I dare say, the major part of the loan."

The bishop further complained that Father Rainaldi "did not find it convenient to pay either principal or interest till the day of his death (inclusive), so that his debt, like a species of original sin, has fallen on me!"

Bishop O'Connell also said Father Rainaldi owed a debt to another trusting Catholic priest, the Rev. Joseph Gallagher. Interest on the $500 loan was 18 per cent, Bishop O'Connell said in the letter.

The Walsh history, however, shows that the debt to the Archbishop was paid.

The Rev. Patrick O'Reilly assumed Father Rainaldi's debts and the pastorate of the church in Shasta in May 1860. He had been pastor of the French Gulch and Weaverville Catholic churches and just added the Shasta church to his area.

Father O'Reilly sent the archbishop $600 in two payments, one of $500 in July and the balance in September of that year. No mention was made of payment on the loan to Father Gallagher.

As far as could be ascertained from Father Rainaldi, the real debt ($600) was for an organ and not for building the church, the Walsh account said records of the church show.

The Giles history, however, contends the money was used to build the church:

"It is said that when the initial supply of money gave out, the soulless contractor refused to continue the work without seeing proof of further recompense. Thus the work was abandoned; the unfortunate priest was recalled by the archbishop; for many years the current belief was that the priest had decamped with the money."

Records do not show that the Catholics attempted to finish the church Father Rainaldi began. They apparently continued to use the church that had been moved from the top of the hill in 1853.

C. J. (Chick) Gleeson, who is doing a history of the Catholic churches in Shasta County, says Father Schwinninger's church "apparently rotted over the years."

Gleeson said a Catholic chapel was erected in Shasta in 1905 when Lou Litsch raised $1,100 for its construction. The church was blessed in 1910, but torn down in 1946, Gleeson said.

Today Father Rainaldi's foundation is only the remnant of what was once a dream for a church with stone walls more majestic than any church in the goldfields of Northern California.

Lying between High Street and Red Bluff Road about one-fourth mile southwest of Highway 299, what was Main Street in Shasta when the church construction began, the foundation is surrounded by grass, poison oak, weeds and trees.

The foundation itself is about 2½ feet wide built of solid granite. The interior of the church would have measured about 35 feet by 96 feet.

At the southern end of the foundation is a granite square built into the wall. It looks as if it might have been intended for a baptismal.

Now Chinese trees of heaven, barbed wire and tin cans have filled the square.

The earth along a portion of the foundation is black from a recent grass fire. Children walk along the road, for the most part not noticing Historical Landmark No. 483.

NOTE: *O. P. – Order of Friars Preachers (Dominicans)*
Church in Shasta was dedicated May 1, 1905 (see *The Searchlight* May 2, 1905)

ANDERSON

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, December 17, 1910**

Mass in Anderson at 10 o'clock, and in Redding at 12 o'clock.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Tuesday, February 13, 1912**

Anderson To Have A Catholic Church– Father Nugent of Redding, who also ministers to the Catholic flock in Anderson, is almost persuaded to undertake building a small church for that town. Heretofore mass has been celebrated in private residences in Anderson.

Keswick had a fine Catholic church when that flourishing smelter camp fell into decline. The edifice was partially wrecked by a high wind a year or so ago after it was abandoned. To save the material the building was torn down completely. The material has been well cared for—that which has not been stolen—and enough good lumber can be procured there to go a long way toward building the small church that will meet the needs of the Anderson flock.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Friday, May 2, 1913**

New Altar Placed In Catholic Church–A beautiful altar costing $1,000, made in regalico with marble effect, has been put in place in the Redding Catholic church this week. It will be used for the first time Sunday.

The altar was made to order in Chicago. The large, heavy piece came through in sections and was not blemished a particle in transit. It was set up in place by M. McKenzie of Sacramento, who is an expert on that class of work.

The altar is the gift of a Catholic family of Redding. The family modestly requests that no names be mentioned.

The old altar will be shipped to Anderson, being put to service in the Catholic church just completed there.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, May 3, 1913**

Mass in Redding at 8 o'clock and in Anderson at 10:30.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, May 10, 1917**

Catholics To Have Dance At Anderson–There will be a big time down in Anderson next Saturday night. The ladies of the Catholic church at the prune center are to give the finest dance given there in many moons, and everybody for miles around is helping to make the affair a success.

The opera house will be put in holiday trim for the occasion. Walter Fink's orchestra will supply the music, and there will be cards for those who care to play, with good

things to eat and punch on the side also. The evening's amusement will begin at 9 o'clock and will conclude after the last dance.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, July 16, 1919

Ten Thousand Dollars To Fight Iron Canyon—The supervisors in a way appropriated $10,000 Tuesday to the Northern California Protective association to use, if necessary, in fighting off the Iron canyon dam menace to the farms around Anderson and Cottonwood. The supervisors agreed to include in the annual tax levy enough to raise $10,000 for a fund to be set aside to the association, which has been formed expressly to fight off the Iron canyon project.

The supervisors took this action after listening to appeals made by J. C. Brown of Cottonwood, president of the association; A. W. Smith of Cottonwood, James F. Bedford of Anderson, Dudley V. Saeltzer of Redding, Robert M. Yelland of Balls Ferry and others.

The supervisors also adopted resolutions to be sent to Congressman Raker and Secretary Lane. The resolutions set forth the reasons Shasta county has for opposing the Iron canyon dam irrigation project, asks for a thorough investigation of its claims and reminds the officials that the land below Iron canyon is irrigable by a system that will not involve the destruction of $15,000,000 worth of property in Northern Tehama county and the southern part of Shasta county.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Thursday, October 16, 1919

Set Dedication Date For Church Of Sacred Heart At Anderson—Anderson, October 15.—The Catholic church in Anderson, which has been receiving new additions lately, will be dedicated on Sunday, October 26. The ceremony will be conducted by Bishop Thomas Grace of the Sacramento diocese. Every Catholic church on the occasion of its dedication receives a name or title, and the local church will be called the church of the Sacred Heart. Special music will be rendered by the choir from St. Joseph church in Redding.

The occasion has been chosen to inaugurate a series of lectures on the Catholic religion, and Rev. Father Thomas Hayes has arranged to have Rev. Oliver Welsh, a member of the Paulist missionary fathers from San Francisco, conduct the mission, which will last a week.

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS Friday, October 24, 1919

Anderson Catholic Church To Be Dedicated Sunday October 26th—The ceremonies connected with the dedication of the Sacred Heart Church, Sunday will begin at 10:30 A. M. Bishop Grace of Sacramento will perform the service. Mass will be said by Father Hayes and a sermon will be preached by Father Welsh. The choir of St. Joseph's church at Redding will sing hymns during the ceremony. In the evening at 8 the course of lectures will begin as follows:
Sunday, October 26, Is Religion Necessary?; Monday, October 27, Who Is Jesus Christ?; Tuesday, October 28, Catholic Church And The Bible; Wednesday, October 29, The Lord's Supper; Thursday, October 30, Confession of Sin; Friday, October 31, Our National Calamity; Sunday, November 2, Alone With God.

Every morning during the week Father Welsh will say Mass at 8 A. M. followed by a brief sermon.

Invitations have been sent personally to all Catholic and Non Catholic to attend the lectures but through inadvertance any one has been overlooked, they are personally and cordially invited to attend and if anxious to have any explanation of any Catholic subject, to deposit their questions in the question box. The following evening they will be answered. There will be no service Saturday evening, November 1st.

Catholic Church, Anderson, California. Renovated church dedicated October 26, 1919 by Bishop Thomas Grace (Courtesy Mr. & Mrs. Dan Coughlin)

THE SEARCHLIGHT Sunday, October 26, 1919

To Dedicate Church In Anderson Today, Catholic Edifice Will Be Christened The Church Of The Sacred Heart.—(Special to The *Searchlight*.)

Anderson. October 25.—Anderson's new Catholic church will be dedicated at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning by Bishop Thomas Grace of Sacramento, assisted by Father Thomas J. Hayes of Redding. The edifice is to be christened the Church of the Sacred Heart. The building cost $4500.

A Paulist father, Rev. Father Oliver A. Welsh, will conduct a mission in the church throughout the coming week.

If the Iron canyon dam is built, as proposed, this new church will stand in water.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Tuesday, October 28, 1919

That Anderson church which is on the site of the Iron canyon dam's overflow should have been built along the lines of an ark.

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS Friday, October 31, 1919

Mission Follows Dedication of Catholic Church—The Catholic mission during the week has been a great success, and no doubt has contributed not a little to the better understanding of Catholic doctrines and theories on the part of many who had never had the opportunity to inform themselves on these subjects before.

The dedication of the little church by Bishop Grace last Sunday was an event that all who witnessed it will long remember. The Bishop preached and congratulated the energetic pastor, Father Hayes and his congregation on the beautiful little church they have erected here. He was followed by Father Welsh who explained the mission and the subject about which he intended to speak more in detail during the week.

The mass was said by Father Hayes assisted by three little altar boys from Redding, Masters Coughlin, Carr and Toney. The choir from the St. Joseph church under

the direction of Miss Field rendered the music during the mass, and most generously have attended the services during the week, coming down from and returning to Redding nightly.

Father Hayes is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts for Anderson, and Father Welsh will leave only the kindest recollections and best wishes of the people Catholic and Protestant for his personality, eloquence and zeal.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, November 9, 1919**

Anderson.—The St. Joseph's choir of Redding were the honored guests at a delightful supper given at the J. W. Reilly residence last Sunday evening. Mrs. J. W. Reilly, Mrs. A. H. Johnston, Mrs. L. O. Sheridan, Mrs. Lloyd E. Smith, and Mrs. W.H. Tormey were hostesses. The affair was informal and included several guests outside the choir, among them being the Rev. Father Oliver Welsh of San Francisco, who had been giving a series of lectures here, and Rev. Father Thomas Hayes of Redding.

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS **Friday, August 5, 1921**

Catholic Church—Mass will be celebrated in the Catholic Church at Anderson Sunday morning, August 7th at 10:30. Rev. Father Myles will officiate.

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS **Thursday, October 12, 1939**

Catholic Church—Rev. A. Gavin, Pastor. Mass at the Anderson church, first three Sundays of month at 9 a.m. Fourth Sunday, Cottonwood, 8 a.m.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 25, 1949**

Anderson New Catholic Parish—A new Catholic parish is to be formed in the Anderson-Cottonwood Area.

This was announced at Sacramento today by the Rt. Rev. Thomas A. Kirby of the office of the Most Rev. Robert Armstrong, bishop of the Sacramento diocese.

The parish is being carved out of St. Joseph's parish (Redding area) and the Sacred Heart parish (Red Bluff area.) The new parish will be formally formed Thursday. There will be no special services.

Assigned to the new parish is the Rev. Walter Albrecht, who has been assistant pastor of the Catholic cathedral in Sacramento, Father Kirby said.

Sacred Heart church at Anderson will be the mother church, while St. Ann's church at Cottonwood becomes the mission of Anderson under the arrangement.

Catholic pastors of this area will meet soon after Father Albrecht arrives to set the boundaries of the new parish. For the present, Father Albrecht will reside at the parish house in Red Bluff.

The move is being made because of the increase in population in the Anderson and Cottonwood areas.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 22, 1949**

Mass at Anderson—Sacred Heart Catholic church in Anderson will hold a 9 a.m. mass Thursday, the Rev. Father Walter Albrecht announced yesterday. There will also be adult instruction classes Mondays in Cottonwood and Fridays in Anderson from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, November 26, 1949**

New Priest—The Rev. Father Walter Albrecht, newly appointed pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, Anderson. Father Albrecht came to Anderson three weeks ago from the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento. The Anderson parish has been formed from parts of the Red Bluff and Redding parishes, with Cottonwood as the mission from Anderson.

SHASTA COURIER **Thursday, March 15, 1951**

Holy Name Society Organized—A newly organized Holy Name Society has been formed at the Anderson Sacred Heart Catholic church.

Those elected to offices were Henry Ryan, president; Steve Roycroft, vice president; Don Jacobi, secretary-treasurer, and Alfred Seale, marshal.

Those attending the meeting were the Rev. Father Albrecht, Ryan, Roycroft, Jim Donnelly, Jorgen Johnson, Frank Diffley, Thomas Moe, Orville Faddis, Roy Cunningham, Elmer Presidio and Alfred Seale.

The next regular meeting will be held in the Sacred Heart parish hall on April 3, and the first Tuesday of each month thereafter.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, September 25, 1952**

Parishes Honor Father Albrecht—About 200 members of the Anderson and Cottonwood parishes of the Rev. Father Walter Albrecht gathered at the Sacred Heart church parish hall in Anderson last night for a potluck dinner farewell for their pastor.

The surprise dinner party was planned to honor Father Albrecht before he leaves on a three-week vacation trip to Wisconsin Oct. 6, and to present him with a bulging purse containing $152 as a gift from his parishioners.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, April 2, 1955**

Catholics Plan Drive—Plans are being completed for a one-day building fund campaign to be conducted Sunday, April 24, by members of Sacred Heart Catholic church in Anderson, according to Henry F. Ryan, advisory committee chairman.

Plans for a new church building now are being drawn up, Ryan said. The new church will be started as soon as the fund drive is completed and architect's plans are approved.

The fund campaign will be conducted by teams of men who expect to contact each family in the parish in the one-day drive. The advisory committee is now completing plans for appointing campaign solicitation teams and organizing the drive, Ryan said.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, April 21, 1955**

Proposed New Church—This proposed new concrete and pumice block church will be built for the Sacred Heart Catholic parish in Anderson if a one-day fund drive from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday is successful. Location of the building has not been determined.

Fifty men of the Anderson and Cottonwood area will meet at 7:30 p.m.today in Sacred Heart parish hall in Anderson to make final plans for a one-day fund drive Sunday to finance a new Catholic church.

With more than $7,000 in cash and pledges already in the construction fund, 25 two-man teams will visit every home in the Anderson-Cottonwood parish between noon and 9 p.m. Sunday to ask help in raising another $33,000 for the proposed new building.

The structure is scheduled to be started this summer, as soon as success of the fund campaign is assured, according to Henry F. Ryan, general campaign chairman, and is expected to take 18 months for completion.

The 50 men on the fund drive teams met Tuesday evening in the parish hall to start organizing the campaign. Tonight, each two-man solicitation team will be assigned individual homes among the 139 families of the parish to be asked for help Sunday, Ryan said.

Sunday, the men are planning to receive Holy communion at a special 8:30 a.m. mass in the Anderson Sacred Heart parish, followed by a breakfast cooked by the parish women for the campaign group.

The first tabulation of pledges in the drive is expected to be made after the 9 p.m. report at the parish hall Sunday, Ryan said.

It the campaign is successful, he added, the proposed new church will be built of concrete-pumice blocks on a location near the present Catholic church in Anderson.

The new building will seat approximately 400 people and will include wings at each side of the altar to provide room for a choir and a glassed-in "baby room."

The new church is being planned to care for all future needs of the Anderson parish, regardless of how much the population grows in the area, Ryan said.

The floor will be concrete, with a gradual slope from the rear of the main part of the church to the altar. Heating and cooling ducts will be installed beneath the floor.

The floor plan will be in the shape of a cross, Ryan added, with twin towers at each side of the front entrance to contain a baptistry and a library.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, April 23, 1955**

Anderson Catholics Plan Drive—Fifty Anderson and Cottonwood men of the Sacred Heart church parish will receive Holy communion at a special 8:30 a.m. mass in the Anderson church to seek spiritual aid in conducting a one-day campaign for funds to construct a new church.

After the mass, which will be offered by the Rev. Walter Albrecht, pastor of the parish serving Anderson and Cottonwood, the men will be served breakfast in the parish hall by women of the church.

Afterward, the men will receive assignments of Catholic homes in the two communities which will be canvassed between noon and 9 p.m. tomorrow, according to Henry F. Ryan, general chairman of the campaign fund committee.

Some $33,000 is sought by the committee to finance a new church which will seat 400 people and is being designed to care for all future needs of the parish, Ryan said.

The campaign workers were divided into 25 two-men teams at a meeting held in the Anderson parish hall Thursday evening.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, April 29, 1955**

Catholics Near Goal For Building—With 19 families yet to be reported, the Anderson Sacred Heart parish building fund committee last night added up $29,140 in pledges toward construction of a new Catholic church, according to Henry F. Ryan, general chairman of the committee.

The final total is expected to go over $30,000, Ryan said, after the remaining Catholic families in Anderson and Cottonwood have been contacted by campaign workers.

A total of 139 pledges had been received, Ryan reported last night, from Catholics in the two communities and non-Catholics who volunteered to aid in the building program.

A new church is expected to be started as soon as a suitable location can be found. Construction, planned to be done with the aid of labor donated by parish members, is expected to take about 18 months.

More than $28,000 in pledges was turned in by 50 campaign solicitors after a one-day drive Sunday, Ryan reported. Another $1,100 was given before the drive got under way, and $8,000 previously held in the church building fund will be added to the total, he said.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, May 14, 1955**

Catholics Choose Name—A name was chosen and officers elected for the newly-organized men's club in the Sacred Heart Catholic parish at Anderson.

The name "St. Joseph's Guild" was chosen at the club's meeting Thursday evening in the church parish hall. The name refers to the patron saint of working men, and

was chosen because members expect to help organize working parties in connection with a new church building which will be started this summer.

Officers elected were Bill Fader, president; Ernest Stephenson, vice president; Jack White, secretary, and Elmer Presidio, treasurer.

The men's guild, open to all members of the Sacred Heart parish in Anderson and Cottonwood will meet every other Thursday at the Anderson parish hall starting at 8 p.m. The next meeting is set for May 26.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, September 1, 1955**

St. Joseph's Guild Men To Discuss Church Plans–More than 100 men of the St. Joseph's guild have been asked to gather at 7:30 p.m. today at the Sacred Heart parish hall in Anderson to make preliminary plans for constructing a new church for the parish.

Initial surveys have been completed on a 23-acre tract near the Sacramento river northeast of Anderson which will be the site of the new concrete and masonry church, the Rev. Father Walter Albrecht said today.

As soon as the church plans have been approved by the Shasta county engineer, actual construction work will be started by the men of the parish. Richard F. Fox, a member of St. Joseph's guild in Anderson, will be construction superintendent and direct the work.

The tract is being laid out so that an entrance road, leading from a main county highway, will terminate at the entrance of the new church.

Parking lots for worshipers will be laid out near the structure. The master plan also calls for the parish rectory to be constructed adjacent to the church on the northwest side, with a future parochial school to be built in a large area to the southeast. The tract also has space for eventual construction of a sisters' convent.

The front areas of the tract will be landscaped and vacant areas planted to lawns, according to the master plan.

Four crews of men will do most of the actual construction on the new church which is expected to seat 400 people. Wings at each side of the altar will contain a choir loft and a "baby room"–which will be glass-enclosed, allowing mothers with small children to participate in mass without confusion to other worshipers.

Nearly 100 men in Anderson and Cottonwood have already indicated they will assist in the construction work. Each of the four work crews will be responsible for one full day and one or more evenings of work one week of each month.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, May 11, 1956**

Church Plans Festival At Anderson–Games, food and a variety of prizes will greet visitors at the annual spring festival of Sacred Heart Catholic church tomorrow night at the Shasta district Fairgrounds in Anderson.

. . . Proceeds will be used toward completion of a new church building which was started this spring by the Anderson parish.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, June 11, 1958**

Building Of New Anderson Church Like Old Missions–By Garth Sanders.

ANDERSON–When the Church of the Sacred Heart is finished this year it will be a monument to the spirit which raised the missions in early day California.

Like the missions, Anderson's new Catholic church is being built with volunteer labor and from materials close at hand.

Women of the parish last week completed 8,000 cement tiles to roof the new structure.

The tiles, a deep red in color, were manufactured in a shed near the church. The work was under the direction of Mrs. Edward Harmon and her assistant, Mrs. Jean Rice.

The feminine crew turned out 186 tiles daily in the project which started last August.

Men of the parish hauled raw materials for the tiles to the site, screened the sand and helped with the heavier work. Then it was the women's project.

The tiles, like the church's general plan, are the brainchild of Dick Fox, Anderson engineer and building contractor. Water, cement, sand and a waterproofing compound, ingredients of the tiles, were mixed by the women with a power mixer. The slush was poured into a table with its top divided into 9 by 18 inch compartments. Each tile was reinforced with imbedded steel wire. The cement shingles were left to cure in the forms for 24 hours, then a water solution of red pigment was applied to their upper sides with paint brushes.

When the tiles were sufficiently solid they were placed in the open air and left to cure under water-moistened cloths. Final curing was done in the open air with an occasional moistening to prevent cracking.

When the tiles were ready for application to the building, men of the church took them onto the roof and nailed them through the single hole left in each tile. The tiles were also imbedded in asphalt and the sticky stuff was applied to the edge of each piece to seal the butting points. A notched lap carried water from one tile well down onto the lower tile.

The church is a concrete block structure sitting in the middle of open fields. The setting heightens the resemblance to the early missions. Two bell towers flank the front wall.

The interior has a high ceiling covered with acoustical tile. Modified open beams of natural wood set off the soft texture of the tile.

Construction of the church was started on June 5, 1957 under direction of the pastor, the Rev. Father Walter Albrecht. Ninety percent of the work was done voluntarily by the parishioners.

End of the months of work manufacturing roof tiles left the women of that crew with mixed emotions.

Mrs. Harmon says, "We've had a lot of fun." Mrs. James Jackson, another member of the crew, commented rather wistfully, "I'm sorry to see it end."

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS **Thursday, October 16, 1958**

Date Set For Annual Church Turkey Dinner—The eighth annual pre-Thanksgiving turkey dinner, sponsored by the Sacred Heart Parish of Anderson and Cottonwood, will be held on November 2 this year.

The crowded conditions at the parish hall have necessitated a move to larger quarters, so that it will be held in the new Dining Room of the Fairgrounds from 12:30 until 8:00 p.m. on that Sunday afternoon.

Anticipating a large crowd last year, the purchasing committee procured 25 gobblers only to find towards evening the gobblers could gobble no more. Anticipating a still larger crowd at the beautiful new dining room of the fairgrounds, the purchasing committee has ordered 35 birds for this year.

As in the past it will be served in family style with the ladies of the parish and the girls of the Catholic Youth Organization waiting on the tables. Again, Alfred Seale of Cottonwood will be the Master Chef and in his customary style will put forth such a delightful southern flavor to the turkeys that even the southerners will not recognize it.

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS **Thursday, December 25, 1958**

Catholics Hold First Services In New Church—First services in the new Sacred Heart Catholic Church were held last Sunday when Father Walter Albrecht, church pastor, celebrated mass at the altar of the new edifice.

The new church, located off Stingy Lane and built almost entirely by volunteer labor of parishioners, was the scene at last night's Christmas midnight mass.

The church will be dedicated by the bishop of the Sacramento diocese in the early spring.

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A Church The People Built—In Anderson—By Eleanor Doyle.

In an era beset with a "do it yourself" philosophy, church construction in Anderson, located in the northern section of the Sacramento Valley, took a page from the 18th Century California missionaries and the result is the imposing new Sacred Heart Church which will be dedicated on Sunday morning.

Adhering to a plan developed by the early Franciscan priests, whose string of Missions along the historic El Camino Real attest to its practicality, the parishioners of Sacred Heart, encouraged by the zeal and enthusiasm of their pastor, Father Walter Albrecht, have been responsible for eighty per cent of the actual work of the new church.

It all began on June 6, 1955, when 155 men, women and children of the parish, in one day's time, laid the entire foundation for their new center of worship.

Each Thursday night since that date, members of St. Joseph's Men's Club, a parish organization, have met and accomplished practically all of the heavy cement and carpentry work needed to complete the new church.

Giving them an assist in the dietary department was the Ladies Auxiliary, who saw to it that nourishing cuisine was always available on those Thursday evening gatherings.

However, the women of the parish were not content to rest on their laurels as cooks. Displaying the pioneering instincts that are associated with the inhabitants of the historic Conestoga wagons, some 88 women banded together and organized what has since become known as the Sacred Heart Parish Tile Manufacturing Company.

For seven months these women labored in a barn on the parish property making tiles for the church roof, 9,550 of them to be explicit.

The base product of the tiles was lava ash from the only active volcano in the United States, nearby Mount Lassen.

After the tiles went through a curing process, approximately six weeks, the men of the parish started laying them in place on the roof.

Sunday, the fruits of the parish labor will be culminated with the blessing and formal dedication of the completed Sacred Heart Church.

For the people of Anderson it will represent much more than just another parish sanctuary for the Blessed Sacrament. Their satisfaction will be like that of the Medieval church builders, who by the sweat of their brow and the skill of their hands labored for the greater glory of God.

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Romanesque Style Anderson Church To Be Dedicated—Bishop McGucken To Confer Sacrament Of Confirmation.

Anderson—The newly constructed Sacred Heart Church, a Spanish Romanesque style edifice which will serve the spiritual needs of this farm and lumber community, will be blessed on Sunday at 10:30 A. M. by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph T. McGucken. Following the Solemn Mass of dedication, celebrated by Father Walter H. Albrecht, pastor, the Bishop will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on a class of candidates.

The new church was designed by Richard Fox, local contractor, from a sketch of a similar structure in Guatemala. Fox was assisted by George W. Reed of Yuba City. Over eighty per cent of the construction was furnished by volunteer parish labor, taking over two and a half years to complete.

Dominating the exterior of the church are two large bell towers, each containing three simulated bells which waft the sound of Westminster chimes across the countryside for a radius of two miles.

The floor plan is in a cruciform design with a Sacred Heart chapel forming the left wing and a crying room the right wing. A black and gold marble altar rises in the center of an elevated three tier predella, set out from the back wall where the sacristy is located.

The sanctuary conveys a dramatic illustration of the hill of Calvary, enhanced by an 18 foot life size Limpias Crucifix which reaches up between the altar and back wall. Indented high in the back wall is a circular window of the Risen Savior. The overall sanctuary scene leads one's mind in meditation from the Sacrifice of the Mass, (the altar), to the Sacrifice of the Cross, (the crucifix), to the Risen Saviour present in the Blessed Sacrament, (the stained glass window).

The sanctuary is enclosed on three sides by an altar rail of alabaster construction. A prominent feature of the church is the sloping floor, enabling parishioners a clear view of the altar from any of the Pennsylvania white oak pews.

In the Sacred Heart Chapel where the choir is located, rests a six foot white Carrara marble statue of the Sacred Heart.

On either side of the sanctuary are two more Carrara marble statues, one of Our Lady of Grace and one of St. Joseph.

Cement and pumice block has been used on the exterior and interior of the new Sacred Heart Church which has a seating capacity of 400. Total construction cost was $76,185.

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS **Thursday, March 19, 1959**

Dedication And Blessing Of New Church Conducted By Sacramento Bishop—Anderson's Catholic Church built almost entirely by volunteer labor, was dedicated Sunday in services attended by a large group of local church members and visitors from as far away as Sacramento.

Sacred Heart Church, Anderson, California. Dedicated March 15, 1959 by Bishop Joseph T. McGucken

The local parish patterned themselves after Spanish missionaries who made 21 missions along the coast of California in the seventeenth century, using local materials and volunteer labor, according to Father Walter Albrecht, who has been pastor here since 1949.

The foundation for the new church was laid June 6, 1955 with about 85 parishioners doing the work. For three and a half years the parishioners worked on building the church with volunteer labor. Eighty percent of the actual construction was done by the people in the church.

The first services in the new church were held the Sunday before Christmas in 1958.

Tile for the roof of the church was made by the women of the church who used volcanic ash with a mixture of cement, casting the tile in flat pans like layer cakes. The tiles were allowed to cure for six weeks before being used. Crews of about 10 women worked several hours each day for about six months to make the 9500 tile needed.

The Most Rev. Joseph McGucken, bishop of the diocese of Sacramento, officiated at the blessing and dedication of the new Sacred Heart Church at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Immediately following the dedication of the church, a solemn high mass was offered by the pastor, Father Albrecht, assisted by the pastor of the Redding church, Father John O'Connor and the assistant pastor at Red Bluff, Father James O'Dea. The children's choir sang this mass, under the direction of Miss Judy Durflinger, with Mrs. Pat Mickela at the organ, while the men's choir sang the responses.

Following the mass, the bishop administered the sacrament of confirmation to 27 children and 11 adults.

A luncheon was served in the parish house for the priests who were present at 1 o'clock. The parishioners celebrated the event by participating in a pot luck dinner at 2 o'clock, on the new church grounds.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, November 26, 1960**

Post Office Replaces Catholic Church—The landscape in Anderson was changed this fall when Sacred Heart Catholic church on the corner of Ferry and East streets was replaced by the new post office.

Sacred Heart parish had been holding services and Sunday school in the new church building on Stingy lane for a year and a half before the original building was torn down for the post office.

In 1913 the original building, about 60 feet long and 40 feet wide, was dedicated. When the church was built there were about a half-dozen Catholic families in the mission. Now, there are 232 families.

Steve Roycroft, a member of one of those first half-dozen families, said he "did a lot of work on the building with the aid of one or two carpenters." Steve Roycroft continues to be a very active member of Sacred Heart parish. Other early families were the McNeils, and the Rileys as well as the Roycrofts.

Some of the pieces of lumber used in the original church were bought following the tearing down of the wind-damaged church on the hillside at Kennett, a copper smelter town that was covered by Shasta lake. Most of the lumber, however, was bought from the Terry Lumber company of Bella Vista. The church was built entirely with volunteer labor.

In the first decade of the twentieth century, before the church was built, Mass was conducted by priests of St. Joseph Catholic church in Redding, at the home of Mrs. Margaret Roycroft, Steve Roycroft's mother, on Howard street, near the old Anderson hotel. After Mass, Mrs. Roycroft would fix breakfast for the priest.

The Rev. Thomas Nugent was the first priest who ministered to the Anderson mission. He was followed by the Rev. Patrick Hayes who was the first priest to say Mass in the mission church built in 1913. The Rev. Alphonsus Gavin was the mission priest until Sacred Heart became a parish with the arrival of the Rev. Walter Albrecht in October of 1949, who has been the resident priest.

When the new building was dedicated in 1913, the ceremonies were conducted by the Most Rev. Thomas Grace, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento.

The present early-California style church was started in June of 1955 and was completed in December of 1958.

After nearly half a century, the lovely, small wooden church which played an important part in the religious life of many Anderson families, has become but a memory.

NOTES: *The salvaged lumber used in building the old church in Anderson was from the church in Keswick and not the church in Kennett.*

Alfred Seale states that the old church in Anderson was torn down. The parish house was moved to St. Stephen Drive, off Stingy Lane, and is used now for the rummage house.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, February 11, 1961**

Father Albrecht–A Last Look at a Church He Built–Anderson Honors Departing Priest. The man who led Anderson Catholics in building Sacred Heart church with his own hands is leaving.

Catholics and non-Catholics will honor the Rev. Fr. Walter Albrecht at a reception tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the fairgrounds cafeteria.

Rev. Albrecht has been transferred to St. John the Baptist church in Folsom. He leaves Thursday.

The Rev. Fr. Thomas O'Brien of Portola, who once was a priest in St. Joseph Parish in Redding will replace him.

Father Albrecht became priest of Sacred Heart Parish on the day–Oct. 28, 1949–that the mission became a parish.

In June, 1955 the parish began building a new church on Stingy Lane. Members of the parish did most of the work.

Much of Father Albrecht's energy was spent on youth. He was coach and chauffeur for Catholic Youth organization basketball teams. He helped the youngsters with bowling and took them swimming and skating in the summer.

In 1958 he was presented the achievement award from the national Pop Warner football conference for his work with young people in Shasta county.

Father Albrecht worked with Scouts, Little League and other youth groups.

In 1959, members of the parish presented him with a trip to Hawaii. He remarked, "I could do so much for the church with this gift."

Parishioners insisted, however, and Father Albrecht visited the islands.

Tomorrow's reception is open to the public.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, April 27, 1963**

$100,000 Parish School To Be Built In Anderson–Plans for a $100,000 parish school and the inauguration of a major building fund campaign have been announced by Rev. Thomas O'Brien of the Sacred Heart Church here and St. Anne's Church in Cottonwood.

Proposed plans for the school, to be built near the church here, include eight classrooms, office facilities, a library and faculty room. The goal of the campaign is to raise as much as possible of the total cost of the building.

The five-week active campaign, under the direction of John V. McCarthy and Associates, Catholic financial consultants, is now in the memorial gifts phase. Parishioners may make personal pledges and dedicate specific memorial items to the school.

The active phase of the drive will close May 14. A continuation committee will function throughout the two-year pledge-payment period.

Honorary chairman of the drive is Stephen Roycroft, with Mark Cessna as general chairman and James Peltier as his associate. Memorial gifts chairman is Dr. J. Vincent Hagus, with P. J. McAuliffe as co-chairman, assisted by Ernest J. Friedrich and Timothy Loftus. Joseph J. Dominick will serve as team captains chairman, assisted by Paul Bosetti, co-chairman.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, February 15, 1964**

Anderson Students To Attend Catholic School–Plans for an eighth-grade parochial school will be offered to contractors for bids within a week by the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The Rev. Thomas O'Brien said church officials wish to have the school completed in time for instruction to begin this fall.

Architect Clarence Felciano of Santa Rosa has designed a school plant for an eventual enrollment of 350 students, the clergyman explained.

"Our plan is to start classes with the first four grades," Father O'Brien said. "An additional grade will be added as first graders enroll each year until the original fourth grade group is graduated."

The parochial school will be the first for the Catholic Church in Anderson. Most children of Catholic parents are attending public schools in the area. A few are transported to parochial schools in Redding and Red Bluff.

The school will be built next to the church on Stingy Lane from contributions made by parishioners in the Anderson and Cottonwood areas, Father O'Brien said.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, September 3, 1969**

The women of Sacred Heart Catholic Church parish in Anderson have planned a house warming and shower for the Sisters of Mercy who are moving into the new convent.

The party, also featuring a money tree, will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the new convent, 7978 Riata Way.

Marie Bates, 365-1429; Jeanette Frost, 365-7925, or Colleen Reiser, 241-4915, may be called for further information.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, June 27, 1970**

Anderson gets Spanish Mass–Father Joe Manso, a native of Pamplona, Spain, will conduct a Mass in the Spanish language at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Anderson every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. He will begin this schedule on Saturday, July 4.

Father William Broderick has announced that beginning on July 4, the 4:30 p.m. Mass will be switched to 8:00 p.m. until further notice. Although the Spanish Mass is primarily for Spanish speaking people, everybody is welcome to attend.

Father Manso, who recently came from Spain to work with the Mexican American Program of the Sacramento Diocese, will be residing in Chico. He plans to be at Sacred Heart Parish house in Anderson every Friday to take calls from Spanish speaking people and to make home visitations.

Father Manso received his seminary training at Pamplona in the Province of Navarre, Spain. After graduation and ordination, he spent five years at Salamanca University in the study of the classical languages. For the past five years he has been a professor at the seminary in Pamplona.

Father Manso will arrive in Anderson to begin his program on Friday, July 3.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, August 20, 1970**

New Home Built For Teachers–Anderson–For the first time, the Sisters of Mercy instructing at Sacred Heart School have their own local convent which is located in the Wooded Acres Subdivision. Until recently, the Religious commuted daily between Anderson and the convent in Redding.

Sister Kathleen McCarthy, principal, has announced there will be no double grades in the school for the first time since an additional Sister has been assigned to the faculty.

Members of the teaching staff include Sister Anne O'Neil, 1st grade; Mrs. Dorothy Rieland, 2nd; Sister Teresa Basurto, 3rd; Mrs. Frances Riley, 4th; Sister Frances Walshe, 5th; Sister Ann McCrohan, 6th; Sister Eileen Mary O'Connor, 7th; and Sister Kathleen, 8th.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, October 7, 1971**

Father Kinane, chaplain at Folsom State Prison since 1967, is assuming his first pastorate at Sacred Heart Church, Anderson. He was born November 2, 1932, in Tipperary, Ireland. He attended St. Patrick's Seminary, Thurles, and was ordained June 16, 1957.

He served as assistant pastor in St. Joseph's parish, Redding and St. Mel's parish, Fair Oaks, prior to being named chaplain to the California Conservation Center in Susanville in 1964.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, October 6, 1973**

Reception Set For Departing Anderson Pastor–A reception and dessert potluck for Father William Kinane, pastor of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Anderson will be held on Wednesday, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart School.

Father Kinane has been appointed pastor of St. John's parish in Folsom.

Before coming to Anderson, Father Kinane resided at St. John's rectory from 1967 to 1971, as chaplain to Folsom Prison.

Born in County Tipperary, Ire., he was ordained at St. Patrick's Seminary, Thurles, in 1957. His first assignment was as associate pastor at Saint Joseph's parish, Redding and following that at Saint Mel's parish, Fair Oaks.

In 1964, he became chaplain of the California Conservation Center in Susanville. From there he moved to the position of chaplain at Folsom Prison.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, October 13, 1973**

When He Leaves, Many Hearts Will Also–By Judy Bishop

When Father William P. Kinane leaves Anderson for Folsom, he's going to take a chunk of Anderson hearts with him.

Father Kinane, by order of the Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento, is being transferred to St. John the Baptist parish in Folsom.

He was the guest of honor at a reception at Sacred Heart School in Anderson Wednesday night. A dessert buffet table sported a large, green-iced cake in the shape of a shamrock, and strains from "Passport to the Music of Irleand" played as the Irish-born Father Kinane moved around the room, talking to parishioners.

"We really don't want him to go," said one parishioner.

"We circulated a petition and got quite a few signatures and sent it to Sacramento, we were hoping that this would be a triumphant party," she went on.

But word was received that the transfer was final.

Children, many with red punch moustaches, clustered around Father Kinane.

"Father, why are you leaving?" asked one. "Are you still going to do Mass tomorrow?" asked another, tugging on his hand. Father Kinane will be "doing Mass" all week; the transfer will not go into effect until all vacancies in the diocese are filled.

Father Kinane leaned forward and wished one boy a happy birthday. "I'm kept busy spanking kids on their birthdays around here," he laughed, setting down his coffee cup and taking a threatening step towards the delighted youngster.

He expressed concern that people understand why he is leaving so soon. (He came to the parish in October, 1971.)

"A lot of people find it hard to understand why, in this day of liberation, I would find it difficult to fight the transfer," he said. "We are always subject to the Bishop and it would not be right to say 'no'."

Father Kinane was very impressed with the warm community spirit of Anderson.

"I found people really friendly and there were very strong family ties," he said. He spoke of how the people of Sacred Heart Church have always rallied to support activities.

"I have had great cooperation and effort from the people for the good of the parish; they have really worked together, they've done a tremendous lot of work."

This will not be the first time Father Kinane has been to Folsom. He lived at St. John the Baptist parish from 1967 until 1971 as chaplain to Folsom prison.

"It was a little different leaving the prison and coming to Anderson," he said, smiling.

When Father Kinane came to Anderson in 1971, he felt quite at home. Shortly after he came to America from Ireland in 1957, he was placed at St. Joseph's parish in Redding. He stayed there four years.

Mary Porter, cook for the parish at that time, said that Redding, too, was very fond of Father Kinane. "Everyone loved him in Redding; they hated to see him go," she said.

Father Kinane's outgoing personality seemed to appeal to everyone. One mother said, "I think he's young enough to relate to the kids."

And he was definitely relating to the adults; a warm handshake here, a clap on the shoulder there, always a smile and a question on how things were going.

One small boy remarked, "He's nice. He likes to play with the kids!"

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, October 18, 1973**

First Pastorate—Father James McKnight, who has served as assistant pastor at Saint Charles Borromeo in Sacramento since 1971, has been appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Anderson. Father McKnight was born in Newry, County Down, Ireland in 1934, attended All Hallows College in Dublin and was ordained in June of 1959.

He served as assistant pastor at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament from 1959 to 1962 and at Saint Joseph's in Auburn from 1962 to 1964. He then served as assistant pastor at Saint Patrick's in Placerville from 1964 to 1969 at Saint Isidore's in Yuba City from 1969 to 1971 before being assigned to Saint Charles.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, March 28, 1974**

Mass of Saint Francis—The entire fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades of Sacred Heart School of Anderson will perform The Mass of Saint Francis in concert at Shasta College Little Theatre on April 4 and 5 at 8:15 p.m. The 95 voice chorus is directed by Wilson Frigo of the Shasta Schools Music Department. The accompanist will be Mrs. Pat Mickela. Sister Mary Grace, SM, principal, wishes to invite everyone to attend.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, October 24, 1974**

Anderson Looks At 25 Years Of Growth—Sacred Heart Church will be having its 25th anniversary celebration next Sunday.

More than 50 years ago, Father Thomas Nugent, a Redding priest, dreamed of a church in Anderson . . . by horse and buggy he made weekly trips to Anderson to hold Mass every Sunday morning at the home of Steve Roycroft; never was there more than a handful of Catholics present. This small community of Catholics wanted their own church, and in 1913 they circulated a petition for construction of a church. Seventeen people signed the petition and pledged $575 for the building, another $200 was donated by the Catholic Church Extension Society. This meager account was enough to start laying the foundation. The work was completed in 1914. For 35 years, until October 1949, mission services were conducted in this structure.

The new Parish of Sacred Heart, Anderson, was carved out of St. Joseph's Parish, Redding and Sacred Heart Parish, Red Bluff. The new parish was formally formed on Thursday, October 27, 1949, with no special services. Father Walter Albrecht, who had been assistant pastor of the Cathedral in Sacramento, was assigned to Anderson. St. Ann's, Cottonwood, was to be a mission under Sacred Heart, Anderson. Father Albrecht resided at the parish house in Red Bluff temporarily, and met with all the area pastors to determine parish boundaries.

On Saturday, April 2, 1955, Sacred Heart completed plans for a one-day building fund campaign to build a new church. A 23 acre tract near the Sacramento River was the proposed location for the new church, which would seat 400 people.

Construction of the church was started in the summer of 1955. On March 15, 1959, Bishop Joseph P. McGucken, Bishop of Sacramento, officiated at the dedication and blessing of the new church.

Thursday, February 16, 1961, was Father Albrecht's departure from Anderson and the church he helped build; he was transferred to St. John the Baptist Church in Folsom.

Father Thomas O'Brien of Portola, a former Redding priest replaced Father Albrecht. In April 1963, Father O'Brien announced plans to build a school in Sacred Heart Parish. Architect Clarence Felciano of Santa Rosa designed the school plant for an eventual enrollment of 350 students. Father O'Brien hoped to have the school completed in time for the fall classes in 1964. Father O'Brien was transferred to Placerville in October 1968.

Father William Broderick became the new pastor, having just served three years in Vietnam as chaplain. In September 1969, the parish bought and furnished a convent for the Sisters of Mercy, the school's teachers and administrators. Father Broderick was transferred to Our Lady of Lourdes in Del Paso Heights, Sacramento, on November 20, 1971, and later to Fairfield.

Father William Kinane will be remembered for starting a building fund drive for a parish hall. Father Kinane came to the parish in November of 1971 and was transferred to Folsom the last week in October 1973.

The present pastor, Father James McKnight, is planning the 25th anniversary celebration.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, May 14, 1975**

Children's Choir Makes A Recording–The 97-member school choir at the Sacred Heart School in Anderson sang for the Mason Recording Co. of Oroville Tuesday. Dean Chapman and Gary Mason operated the recording equipment. A long-play-record album will be made from the tape and is expected to be published in June. The choir, which consists of all Sacred Heart pupils in grades five through eight, will sing at a Mass to be celebrated by the Knights of Columbus, which is convening at the Redding Civic Auditorium this weekend. Record orders will be taken at the convention and proceeds will help support the Catholic school. Wilson Frigo directs the choir.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, February 24, 1976**

Transportation Mural–Progress in transportation during the past 200 years is the theme of a mural that was presented to Shasta County supervisors Monday by fifth grade students from Sacred Heart School in Anderson.

The mural can be seen on the second floor of the courthouse. Ten-year-old Scott Duval, spokesman for the group, told supervisors the Bicentennial mural was created by students but was the idea of Sister Celine, a social studies teacher. He said the school will hold a special Bicentennial celebration at the Shasta District Fairgrounds in Anderson at 7:30 p.m. May 18.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, July 3, 1976**

Bicentennial Mural Highlights R-S Today–A brightly colored mural depicting some of the people and events of 1776 is the center piece to the special Bicentennial section included in today's *Record Searchlight*.

It is the creation of young Kenny Bruce, an 8-year-old third-grader at Anderson's Sacred Heart School. And it won for Kenny the sweepstakes award trophy and a $50 U.S. Savings Bond in the *Record Searchlight's* Bicentennial Art and Essay Competition. . . .

BIEBER

In 1955 Father John DeAndreis, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Burney, sent the following letter to the Extension Society describing conditions in his parish and requesting funds to build a church. In answer to his plea, he was granted ten thousand dollars to build a church in Bieber which is in Lassen County but lies within the boundaries of the Burney parish.

Burney, California
April 27, 1955

Extension Society of America
1307 South Wabash Avenue
Chicago 5, Illinois

Extension has been always very good to us, and we are grateful. It is no exaggeration to say that our parish would never have been built without your help.

This isn't the easiest mission in the world to describe. I do not believe there is any place in California where the Catholic population is so proportionately small. My families are so scattered, it is impossible to ever get them all together, anywhere.

The land itself is contradictory. Half is drenched under an annual rainfall of over eighty inches. The other half is lucky to slake its thirst on a meagre drop on nine— that divergence in a distance of seventy odd miles.

It is mostly a land of mountains. The Cascade Range of Oregon, and the Sierra Nevada meld together here. They terminate in the cone of Lassen, the only active volcano within the continental United States. That mountain, incidentally, was named first in honor of St. Joseph by Captain Arguello who discovered it, and it marks the southern boundary of the parish. The other boundaries are arbitrary points of departure, and I have never seen them. They are locked in some impenetrable canyon or gulch, and exist for purposes only known to the Chancery.

Extending east, the country has more in common with Nevada. It is a land of sage and juniper, intersected by a series of mountain ranges that make winter driving exceedingly hazardous. It is lonesome country and its lonesomeness is aggravated by the endless distances and the inclemency of its winters. It isn't a bit unusual to find yourself in a ditch some icy Sunday morning. It isn't the happiest prospect, but it is one of the few consistencies I know of in this country.

There isn't a Catholic Church in the entire area. There has never been one, and there is little prospect for the future without help. There is no tradition of the Church, no settlement of Catholic people, only a widely scattered handful. For the past six years, we have held a weekly Sunday Mass in the town of Nubieber under every conceivable kind of circumstance.

I have said Mass on card tables, pianos, sideboards, sawhorses, in private homes, in public halls, in Legion Halls, in restaurants, in the open, under all sorts of conditions, with pool balls clicking in the offing, the smell of cooking wafting through the walls, the sounds of argument, and the ever numbing cold, which at any given time, in any given winter can tumble overnight to forty below.

You may get used to saying Mass like this, in your overshoes and bundled up against the cold, with the water freezing in the cruets, but it isn't right. It is impossible to surround the Blessed Sacrament with any kind of dignity, and to give your people a certain strength and pride in their religion, when you are forced, Sunday after Sunday, to compete against these circumstances.

It is a helpless and bewildering experience, to see the necessity for a church, and to be so completely at a loss.

Ten thousand dollars would give us an excellent little church, with a room attached that would double for a parish hall and a place for the priest to stay over night.

If it is possible, I would feel privileged to be able to name the church in honor of St. Marie Goretti. We have great devotion to her. My people in that section of the parish have taken her as the patroness of their Altar Society.

I know this is a lot to ask of you, but there is no alternative, not for those of us who live on what might aptly be described as the frontier of the Church in America.

Sincerely in Our Lord,
Rev. Father John De Andreis, Pastor
St. Francis Parish
Burney, California

DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO
The Chancery
1119 K Street – P. O. Box 1706
Sacramento 8, California
September 1, 1955

Reverend John DeAndreis
St. Francis of Assisi Church
P. O. Box 556
Burney, California

Dear Father DeAndreis:

I have just received word from Archbishop O'Brien, Catholic Church Extension Society, that he is holding a donation of $10,000.00 for the building of a new church in Bieber.

Ordinarily the Extension Society does not consider giving more than $5,000.00. However, in this case, the Extension Society has granted the $5,000.00 and in addition Rt. Rev. Msgr. Kenneth Stack, Vice President in charge of Circulations of the magazine has matched this with another $5,000.00 because his father was born in this part of the country. He has done this on the condition that the chapel, when built, be named St. Stephen's in memory of Monsignor Stack's departed father. Another condition of the grant is that on completion, Monsignor Stack would like to come out to this Diocese to dedicate the chapel.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, has asked me to write Monsignor Stack to confirm these conditions so the chapel will have to be known as St. Stephen's and on its completion, Monsignor Stack will be out to dedicate it.

I have the certificate here in your file and as soon as the chapel is under roof, let me know and I will request the $10,000.00 from the Extension Society.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Kirby
Chancellor

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, September 20, 1956**

Bieber Church Dedication Set This Sunday—Msgr. Kenneth Stack, of Chicago and the Catholic Church Extension Society, will dedicate the mission church of St. Stephen's here Sunday with a Mass at 11 AM.

Father John DeAndreis, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Burney, said the new church had received $10,000 in donations, half from the Extension Society and half from Monsignor Stack.

**St. Stephen Church,
Bieber, California.
Dedicated September 23, 1956
by Msgr. Kenneth Stack**

SAINT FRANCIS ASSISI PARISH HISTORY **June 27, 1976**

For a number of years, Fr. DeAndreis brought the Blessed Sacrament to parishioners in the Bieber area and recognized the need for a church in that region of our parish. Following his requests for funding in 1955, St. Stephen's chapel was constructed in Bieber. This little church still exists and is presently used by the Lutheran Church of the Valley.

Father John DeAndreis, founding pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Burney, May 28, 1950

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Burney, California, Dedicated May 28, 1950 by Bishop Robert J. Armstrong

BURNEY

Father John DeAndreis, founding pastor of St. Francis of Assisi parish in Burney, was asked to write the story of the building of the church there. This was his reply in part: "Please don't try to write the history of the church in Burney. No one could explain that one. That was all Faith and it should be left so. No explanation could possibly cover it."

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 16, 1948**

The Rev. Father John De Andreis of St. Joseph's parish has been transferred to Fall River Mills to serve the eastern Shasta county area. He will also act as chaplain for the California youth authority camp at Whitmore. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, August 17, 1949**

Catholics Plan Burney Church–Completion of a Catholic church in west Burney is hoped for by October, the Rev. Father John DeAndreis, its pastor, said today.

The church, costing about $7,000 will seat approximately 100 worshippers, Father DeAndreis said. Eventually, he hopes to add a rectory and parish hall.

Forms are in place and concrete will be poured soon. The ground was broken a couple of months ago. Most of the workers are volunteers.

The new church, which will be log finished, is to be 32 by 60 feet, not including the sacristy. It was hoped to start construction sooner but materials were not available, Father DeAndreis explained.

His parish extends to Bieber. The closest Catholic churches now are at McCloud and Alturas.

Father DeAndreis said that during the summer he is saying Sunday mass at Manzanita lake at 11:30 a.m. Other Sunday masses are at the Grange hall in Fall River Mills at 8 a.m. and in Burney's civic hall at 9:30 a.m.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, October 8, 1949**

New Burney Church–The grounds of Burney's new Catholic church were blessed Tuesday by the Rev. Father John DeAndreis, pastor. The site was blessed in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of the church, on the saint's birthday. The church will take its name after the saint.

Father DeAndreis celebrated the first mass at the site. Rafters were raised at the building this week. He hopes the church will be ready by Christmas.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Monday, October 17, 1949

Burney Soon to Have Catholic Church–By Ward Bushee. With little more than the good wishes of the Rev. Father A. T. Gavin, pastor of the St. Joseph's parish, a priest left here last year for eastern Shasta county to start a new parish. He was assigned to it by the Rt. Rev. Robert Armstrong, bishop of the Sacramento diocese. It was November, it was cold and getting colder. It was a bad time to begin such a task.

Now, almost a year later, the priest–the Rev. Father John DeAndreis– is well on his way toward completing his church. With faith and a way with people as assets, the priest through his own efforts has brought to the eastern county a new church.

Practically everything going into the building is a gift. A Burney realtor gave the land, a Redding firm donated the foundation materials, various lumber firms chipped in.

Father DeAndreis found a bell in Los Angeles. It was once used in a girls' school which had installed chimes in place of the bell. The church's altar and tabernacles came from a mission at Santa Barbara, statues of the saints from churches in Woodland and San Rafael, pews from Marysville and vestments from all over.

Father DeAndreis is still looking for a statue of the church's patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi.

A donation of $5,000 from a missionary society in Chicago helped out.

Men working on the night shift in lumber mills near Burney came out in the morning and helped.

Best of all, the church mainly is being constructed of materials native to the Burney region.

As Father DeAndreis says, why use redwood trim when we have fir right here.

The church evolved in a rather unorthodox manner. Father DeAndreis got together with his brothers. Together, they mapped out a plan and drew a sketch.

A couple of months ago, Father DeAndreis and Bob Chapman, who was to be foreman of the project, went to the church site, laid out the foundations, then returned home and talked it over. With Father DeAndreis pitching in, work started.

Even now, if he has an idea, he talks it over with Chapman. The foreman, if he thinks it can be done, works out the stresses and strains. If the idea's still good, off they go to the county surveyor to get the change approved.

The church has been building with little or no red tape you would tend to find in more populous areas. For example, 8 by 8's were needed for under the floor. Chapman went to a nearby mill and told the owner, "We need 8 by 8's."

The owner pointed to a tree near the mill. Chapman nodded. The tree was cut down, sawed on the spot and the next day the 8 by 8's were put in.

"If it were some other place," comments Father DeAndreis, "I'd still be signing papers."

When finished, the church will be rustic. It will have log siding, oak floors, natural beamed ceiling and shake roof.

The church stands on a hillside overlooking much of surrounding Burney. Burney mountain, rising high to the south, dominates the church and grounds.

Father DeAndreis is anxious to start holding services in the church. When he first arrived, he said mass in private homes and later in public halls donated for the purpose.

When the church is dedicated, Father DeAndreis is hoping to have a priests' choir for the ceremonies.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, May 12, 1950

Dedication Set–The Most Rev. Robert J. Armstrong, bishop of Sacramento, will dedicate Burney's new Catholic church May 28. Dinner will be served in the civic hall at Burney at 1:30 p.m.; confirmation will be given at 3 p.m. Patron of the new church is St. Francis of Assisi.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, May 31, 1950**

Bishop Dedicates Burney Church–The Right Rev. Robert T. Armstrong, bishop of Sacramento, attended formal dedication of Burney's new Catholic church, St. Francis of Assisi, Sunday.

Five priests, including Msgr. Gerald O'Driscoll, pastor in the eastern part of the county 20 years ago and now pastor of the cathedral at Sacramento, were present. Four Dominican nuns from Ukiah sang mass.

Solemn high mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father John DeAndreis, pastor of the church.

Bishop Armstrong administered confirmation following a luncheon.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, March 11, 1971**

Burney Pastor–Father Charles Brady was named this week as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi parish in Burney. Father Brady will assume his first pastorate on March 18. Ordained June 5, 1955, from St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, Ireland, he has served since that time as an associate pastor in the Sacramento area parishes of St. Joseph, Holy Spirit and St. Philomene.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, March 13, 1971**

Burney Priest Assigned To Orland Church–Father Daniel Cullinan, the priest at St. Francis Catholic Church here for more than 10 years, is leaving to become the priest of St. Dominic Catholic Church in Orland.

Father Cullinan has been active in education and other civic concerns during his stay in Burney. He served on the Shasta County Schools Reorganization Committee and has been a member of the Shasta County Mental Health Advisory Board.

He received word of the Orland appointment from Bishop Alden Bell, head of the Roman Catholic Diocese in Sacramento.

INTER MOUNTAIN NEWS **Thursday, June 14, 1973**

Rev. Connelly Is New Pastor At St. Francis–Father Robert Connelly has been named pastor of St. Francis Catholic Church in Burney, succeeding Father Charles Brady who has accepted a parish in Colusa.

Rev. Connelly has been in the priesthood for 24 years. He was assigned here after spending the past six years at Truckee and six years prior to that in Downieville.

Father Connelly graduated from Notre Dame and from St. Francis Seminary in Loretto, Pennsylvania.

He served as an Air Force chaplain and served as a chaplain for the California National Guard.

He was born in Boston and is the son of Peter and Peg Connelly of St. Petersburg, Florida.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, June 6, 1974**

Six Priests In Diocese Are Celebrating Silver Jubilee–Six priests of the Sacramento Diocese are this year celebrating the silver jubilee of their ordination to the priesthood. One of the jubilarians in Father Robert Connelly, pastor of St. Francis in Burney.

Father Robert Connelly, born in Massachusetts, attended Notre Dame University and was ordained on April 2, 1949, for service to the Sacramento Diocese by Bishop (now Cardinal) John Wright in Malden, Mass.

After serving as assistant pastor in Roseville, Woodland, Yreka and Corning he became pastor of Immaculate Conception in Downieville in 1961. He served as pastor at Assumption in Truckee from 1966 to 1973 when he was appointed pastor of St. Francis.

PARISH HISTORY **Sunday, June 27, 1976**

St. Francis Assisi Church celebrated its twenty-sixth anniversary June 27, 1976. The souvenir booklet printed for the occasion contained the following parish history.

In November of 1948, The Most Reverend Robert Armstrong Bishop of the Sacramento diocese, assigned the Reverend John DeAndreis the task of establishing a new parish in eastern Shasta County. While most of us take our lovely parish church and grounds for granted, assembling a scattered Catholic population in early 1949 and planning the construction of a parish church from literally nothing must have seemed an insurmountable task. However, a little more than a year later after much perseverance and dedication, the new pastor could see tangible evidence of his efforts.

The church community had quickly joined together to make the building a reality, practically everything going into its construction a gift. A Burney property owner gave the land, a Redding firm donated the foundation material, and various lumber firms contributed. A donation of $5,000 was made by a missionary society in Chicago to aid the cause. Furnishings such as the altar, tabernacle, statues, pews, and vestments came from the churches throughout the state, the original bell coming from a Los Angeles girls' school. The church, which cost approximately $7,000 was constructed by a corps of volunteers for the most part, mainly out of materials native to the area at Fr. DeAndreis' request.

The grounds of St. Francis of Assisi Church were blessed on the saint's birthday, October 4, 1949, with Fr. DeAndreis celebrating the first mass on the site. The rafters were raised the same week, and the completed church was dedicated by Bishop Armstrong on May 28, 1950, with Fr. DeAndreis celebrating solemn high mass to mark the occasion.

For a number of years, Fr. DeAndreis brought the Blessed Sacrament to parishioners in the Bieber area and recognized the need for a church in that region of our parish. Following his requests for funding in 1955, St. Stephen's chapel was constructed in Bieber. This little church still exists and is presently used by the Lutheran Church of the Valley.

Due to the increasing need to fulfill the requirements of parishioners in the Fall River Mills–McArthur area, the Community Methodist Church in Fall River Mills was made available in October, 1974 for Mass and Fr. O'Reilly now celebrates Mass there each Saturday. This has been a great convenience for those who formerly had to travel many miles to St. Francis Church for Mass and has increased active participation of our members in the area.

With the passing years our parish has grown in population and new facilities have been added to meet our needs. The parish hall, originally the priest's residence is now used for religious instruction, and as a meeting place for parishioners. The present rectory was built in 1963. A spacious and well-planned building, it provides a very comfortable home for the priest.

It is clear that a great deal had been done through the efforts of our pastors following Fr. DeAndreis:

Rev. Patrick Corkell	1957-1961
Rev. Daniel Cullinan	1961-1971
Rev. Charles Brady	1971-1973
Rev. Robert Connelly	1973-1974
Rev. Januarius Rodrigues	1974
Rev. Aidan O'Reilly	1974-Present

We owe these dedicated men a debt of gratitude and can be proud of our accomplishments under their leadership over the last 26 years.

CENTRAL VALLEY

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, September 13, 1938**

Catholics Have First Service In Dam Area—With 50 persons in attendance, the first Roman Catholic mass was held in the Shasta dam area Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the Shasta Center hotel, east of the government camp.

Father A. T. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's church in Redding held the mass, and announces that mass will be held each Sunday hereafter at the same location until further notice.

A large room on the ground floor of the hotel; now being used as a dance hall and later to be occupied by a furniture store is being used temporarily.

A church building will be constructed somewhere in the area in the near future, but the site has not been definitely located as yet.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, November 16, 1938**

Church Work In Boom Area Expected Soon—Church building in the development area around Shasta dam is expected to start in the near future, according to plans being developed rapidly.

The Community (Protestant) church site was donated by Stanton, McConnell, Hill, Humphrey and Miller. The Catholic church site was donated by Lee Kronschnabel, Victor N. Miller and John J. Humphrey Sr.

NOTE: *Msgr. O'Connor said that this land was given with the proviso that a church be built on it within five years. This proviso was not met.*

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, September 24, 1941**

C. V. Altar Society To Hold Halloween Card Party—Members of the Central Valley Altar society participated in a business meeting and breakfast at McDonald's cafe, Summit City, on Sunday after mass.

The Rev. Niall Harrington of Redding served as host and Mrs. James Larens of Toyon presided at the session. Plans for a Halloween card party were discussed. The event will take place on Oct. 23 at the Toyon Community house.

The breakfast tables were decorated with chrysanthemums.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, March 23, 1942**

Altar Society Meets At Cooney Home—Mrs. J. M. Cooney entertained the Shasta Dam Altar society at her home in Toyon last Thursday evening.

After an evening of games the members present enjoyed refreshments.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, April 11, 1942**

Mrs. Larens Talks To Altar Club–Mrs. Martin Larens gave a talk on the Mass to the members of the Shasta Dam Altar club when they met at the home of Mrs. R. Naelselhouse Thursday evening.

Plans were discussed for a card party to be given in May and refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 12, 1942**

Altar Club To Meet In Toyon–The Shasta Dam Altar club will meet Thursday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Peter Anker in Toyon.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, April 5, 1946**

Mass Celebrated At Hall In Toyon–The Catholic church celebrates mass every Sunday at the Toyon community hall in Government city at 9 a.m., rather than in the Shasta theater as heretofore reported.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, September 22, 1957**

Parishioners living in the following districts are invited to a meeting at the Toyon Community Hall on Sunday next, September 29 at 2 p.m.–Buckeye, Summit City, Toyon, Central Valley, Project City, Pine Grove, Mountain Gate, O'Brien and Lakehead.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the possibilities of building a church in Central Valley.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 12, 1957**

Catholics Plan New Church In Central Valley–Plans for an $80,000 Catholic church here were announced today by the Rev. Father John O'Connor, pastor of St. Joseph church in Redding.

Father O'Connor said his church had bought 18½ acres from Alfred Rouge in the western outskirts of Central Valley.

A campaign for funds to construct a building will open next Sunday and continue through Nov. 24.

"We plan," said Father O'Connor, "to build a church seating between 250 and 300. The Shasta Dam area, which it will serve, is growing rapidly, and anything much smaller would be outmoded before it was finished.

"The area includes Central Valley, Project City, Summit City, Buckeye, Toyon, O'Brien, Mountain Gate and Lakehead with a population of well over 5,000."

Father O'Connor said mass had been celebrated each Sunday at Central Valley for the past 17 years in temporary quarters. A community hall now is being used. About 125 Catholic families live in the area.

A school, parish hall and rectory would be added in later years, Father O'Connor said.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, November 15, 1957**

Catholics Slate Fund Drive In Central Valley–Membership of the committee which will conduct the fund raising campaign for a Catholic church in Central Valley was announced today by Judge William Quinn, chairman.

It includes Mrs. Ernest Chervier, Mrs. Julian Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lintz, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Griffith, Mrs. A. Holman, Mrs. George Jankanish, William Kortuem, Gerald Cerepa, Mr. and Mrs. Evert Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Opsahl, Nick Marnell, Mrs. Loretta Patrick, Charles J. Gleeson, Fay Johnson, Charles Murphy, Ed Peoples, Margaret Flanagan, Jim Church, Mary Rollain, Jerry Solus, Frank Kobe, Jr., and Robert Louis.

The campaign opens Sunday and closes Nov. 24. The church will be erected on an 18-acre site on the western outskirts of Central Valley.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, November 5, 1958**

Catholic Guild Elects Officers–The St. Michael's guild, recently organized by the Rev. Father John O'Connor for the purpose of assisting with the construction of the St. Michael's Catholic church in Central Valley, met Oct. 22 in the Community hall at Toyon.

Mrs. Donald E. Griffith was elected president. Mrs. Griffith's assisting officers are Mrs. Carl H. Johnson, vice president; Mrs. Al Geller, secretary; and Mrs. Julian Watkins, treasurer.

The guild will meet at 8 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the Toyon community hall. Prospective members are invited to attend.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, June 7, 1959**

The first mass in the new Saint Michael Church, Central Valley will be celebrated next Sunday June 14th at 9:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, July 12, 1959**

Dedication of Central Valley Church–Sunday next July 19th, His Excellency the Most Reverend Joseph T. McGucken will dedicate the new church at Central Valley, to Saint Michael the Archangel. The ceremony will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m.

Dedication means the "setting aside" of places for a special and sacred purpose. When a new church is dedicated it is set aside as a sacred place to be used in worshiping God at Mass and other sacred functions.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, July 18, 1959**

C V Dedicates New Church–Central Valley–A dedication mass will be at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow at the new St. Michael Catholic church here.

St. Michael the Archangel Church, Central Valley, California. Dedicated July 19, 1959 by Bishop Joseph T. McGucken

St. Michael the Archangel Church, Central Valley, California

The church will be blessed by Bishop Joseph T. McGucken, who will preach at a solemn high mass. Officers of the mass will be the Rev. John O'Connor, celebrant; the Rev. Walter Albrecht, deacon; the Rev. John Dowling, subdeacon, and the Rev. William Kinane, master of ceremonies.

The Redding St. Joseph parish choir will provide music for the mass. The regular 9 a.m. mass will not be said.

The 18-acre church plot will eventually include a grammar school, convent and rectory.

The church building will seat 980 persons.

On the lower floor are the kitchen, a parish hall, mechanical, service and supply rooms.

The cinnamon-colored concrete blocks in the building match the hills of the area. Arches are of laminated Douglas fir. The roof is planked with grooved white fir.

Riverman and Sons, general contractors in Portland, Ore., and Carmichael of California built the new church.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, January 19, 1961**

Central Valley C Y O Elects–The newly-formed Catholic Youth Organization of St. Michael's church, Central Valley, recently held the first meeting in the parish hall of the church to elect officers.

The results were Dean Kamla, president; Evelyn Cullis, vice president; Wendy Coyle, recording secretary; Loxy Toth, corresponding secretary; and Becky Delgado, treasurer.

Refreshments were served and the members danced to record music.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, March 26, 1961**

Mission At St. Michael's—Father Fergus McGuinness C.P. will conduct a Mission at Saint Michael Church, Central Valley during the week beginning April 9th. Plan now to attend morning Mass and evening devotions during the Mission.

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, February 27, 1962**

St. Michael's Guild Elects Officers—St. Michael's guild of Central Valley elected new officers at the recent meeting.

Mrs. Albert Holman is the new president; Mrs. Walter Wysock, vice president; Mrs. Carl Opsahl, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Gleeson, secretary and publicity chairman, and Mrs. Raymond Ritter, hospitality chairman.

The guild will present a play for the Red Bluff deanery at the March meeting to be held in Corning. Mrs. Louis Toth will direct the play.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, August 31, 1969**

On Friday, September 5th at 8:00 p.m. in St. Michael Hall in Central Valley, there will be a social gathering for Danny Carter, sponsored by the St. Michael Women's Guild.

Danny will be leaving September 6th for Arlington, Virginia, where he will enter Immaculate Heart Seminary. We should all be very proud of Danny and we hope all his friends and fellow parishioners can attend. Those who would like to contribute to a purse to help him with his seminary expenses will have the opportunity at the reception Friday evening. For those who would like to remember him but cannot attend, please contact: 275-3189 or 275-1221. Ladies of the parish are asked to bring their favorite home-baked pie. This will be served with ice cream, etc.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, March 16, 1975**

We wish to announce that four weeks from today we will begin our Mission in St. Michael Church, Central Valley. The dates are April 13th to April 18th. The Mission is a time for all of us to concentrate on the communication gap between ourselves and God.

Catholic Church, Cottonwood, California. Dedicated February 20, 1910 by Father Philip F. Brady
(From a postcard in Cullis Collection, Shasta College Museum)

COTTONWOOD

Excerpts from *'Way Back When* by Myrtle McNamar, 1952

'Way back in the early 1870's when Mrs. Hannah Barry rode horseback from Cottonwood to church in Shasta—Memories of Mrs. Bowman.

According to Mrs. Liena Butterway, the Catholics held religious services, from time to time, in the Foster Hotel, after she arrived from Germany in 1873, and took up residence in the hotel. Also Miss May Barry says that in the early days Catholic church was sometimes held at the Barry farm site across the creek from town. And Mrs. Seale, in speaking from the memories of her husband, states that Father Grace, of Red Bluff, often held Mass in the Seale hall on Chestnut Street. This gives the Catholics first-place in the church history of Cottonwood.

However it was not until 1910 that the Catholics organized a church in Cottonwood. At that time they secured a lot on the S W corner of High street and Main, and built a small church. This served as a place of worship until the membership began to outgrow the building.

Then in 1930 the remaining members of the Barry family, James, Adeline and Mary, purchased lot 24 of block 7, of Butterway Addition to the town of Cottonwood, and caused the present day Catholic church to be erected. This valuable piece of property then became a complete donation to the Catholic people of Cottonwood and vicinity, and today stands, a substantial material assist to the Christian faith, and a lasting memorial to the donors one of whom is living—Miss Mary (May) Barry of San Francisco.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 2, 1877**

Married—At Cottonwood, Shasta county, at the residence of the bride's uncle, by Father O'Kane, Louis Behrle to Annie Forster.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, November 4, 1893**

Cottonwood Gleanings—Rev. Father Quinn held religious services at the residence of Mrs. Foster last Sunday.

THE WEEKLY SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, January 12, 1897**

Catholic Services at Cottonwood—Holy Mass was celebrated in Cottonwood New Years morning, a large congregation Catholic and Non-Catholic attending. The day was beautiful, seemed to be given up to the greater honor and glory of God after the week of rain. The altar was effectively and tastefully decorated by the Catholic Ladies of Cottonwood. The Rev. Father McGrath officiated and at the Gospel made some touch-

ing remarks upon the birth and influency of the "Messiah," and dwelt upon the necessity of putting our faith into practice and concluded by enjoining that all commence the New Year with new resolutions and good dispositions.

"Rosewig's Mass in G" was beautifully rendered by a choir of well trained voices under the direction of Miss Imogene Hooker. Those assisting were Miss Hooker solo soprano, Mrs. Campbell alto, Mr. L. Bielefield tenor, Mr. F. Arneth basso. A solo at the "Credo" was well rendered by the Rev. A. J. Jones, Pastor of the Congregation church of Cottonwood, Miss McNamer presided at the organ.

The music was much appreciated by all present and the "O Salutaris" by Miss Hooker was especially devotional and seemed to breathe peace and good will to all. Miss Hooker leaves for Redding after a short visit with friends where she will sing a high mass on Sunday, Jan. 10th, which will be celebrated in the Catholic church there.

Contributor

DAILY FREE PRESS **Friday, May 14, 1897**

Cottonwood—Bishop Grace of Sacramento was here Sunday and confirmed John, Peter and Mary Pfeiffer. Father McGrath of Red Bluff was in company with the bishop.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Monday, May 17, 1897**

On Tuesday, the 11th, Bishop Grace went to Cottonwood and held services in a large hall which was neatly arranged for the occasion, the altar being handsomely ornamented. Here, after the morning mass was celebrated, the Right Rev. bishop addressed those present and confirmed a class of children.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Friday, November 26, 1897**

Cottonwood—Father McGrath of Red Bluff visited our town last Sunday and held services in Swasey's hall.

THE WEEKLY SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, March 22, 1898**

Cottonwood—Rev. C. C. McGrath held Catholic services on Sunday morning at the home of Mrs. Pfeiffer.

THE WEEKLY SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, April 19, 1898**

Cottonwood—S. Roycroft, Jr. and Miss Agnes Roycroft drove down from Anderson on Sunday morning to attend Catholic services held by Rev. C. C. McGrath.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, February 14, 1909**

Catholic Church For Cottonwood— The Enterprise says: A Catholic church will be erected in Cottonwood soon. A lot situated just North of Mrs. Behrle's corner of Main and High streets, has been deeded to the Catholic organization here by the Foster family. Father Brady of Red Bluff was here this week and says that work on the building will soon commence. There are many Catholics in this vicinity who by their progressiveness and unity of action have now secured their own place of worship.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, February 18, 1910**

Cottonwood Church—The Catholics of Cottonwood have just completed the erection of a beautiful new church. The church, which is a neat frame building, supplies a long felt want. It will be dedicated with elaborate ceremony on next Sunday. The mass will commence at 10:30 o'clock and the choir from Red Bluff will sing the mass.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, February 20, 1910**

To Celebrate First Mass In New Church—Cottonwood's new Catholic church will be used tomorrow for the first time. Father Brady is coming up to celebrate the first mass in the new edifice in the morning. He will bring a choir with him. The services will

be in the way of a dedication.

Cottonwood has a small population of Catholics. For that reason the new church building is a small one, but it will be a great convenience in the community.

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS **Saturday, February 26, 1910**

Cottonwood's New Church—The new Catholic church at Cottonwood was dedicated Sunday by Father Brady, assisted by Father Sullivan. There was a large attendance of people, and the ceremony was very impressive. The Red Bluff choir of the Sacred Heart church was in attendance.

Cottonwood's new church has no indebtedness on it. The land was donated by Mrs. Foster, and Mrs. Barry was very liberal in her donations to the building fund.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Thursday, April 30, 1914**

Nine In One Family Are Confirmed—Cottonwood, April 30.—Bishop Grace of Sacramento, assisted by Father Guerin of Chico, confirmed a class of fifteen at the Catholic church here yesterday. A notable feature came when the nine children — six boys and three girls — of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henriques were confirmed. The ceremonies were concluded by an address by Bishop Grace.

The Frank Henriques Family of Cottonwood **(Courtesy Edwin Henriques)**

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS **Thursday, July 18, 1929**

Site Deeded For New Catholic Church In Town Of Cottonwood—Gertrude Safley has deeded to Rt. Rev. Robert Armstrong, bishop of Sacramento, lots 7 and 8, and lots 16 to 24 in block 7 Butterway addition to Cottonwood.

The lots are to be the site of Cottonwood's new $6000 Catholic church.

The work of erecting the church will be started right away. J. B. Brennen of Redding has the contract.

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS **Thursday August 1, 1929**

Work Started On New Catholic Church— Work on the new Catholic church of Cottonwood was begun Saturday when Father Heins of Red Bluff turned up the first spadeful of dirt. Foundation excavation work is under way and it is expected that foundation work will be completed the last of the week.

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS **Thursday, September 5, 1929**

Cottonwood's New Catholic Church A Gift—Cottonwood's new Catholic church under construction is the gift of James Barry and his sisters, Miss Adie Barry and Miss May Barry, to the town which has been their home for so many years. The church will cost between $7000 and $8000 and the Barry family will pay every cent of the cost.

Cottonwood is in the Red Bluff parish. Father Hynes of Red Bluff bought the lot on which the new church will stand, but the church itself and the fine altar will be the gift of the Barrys.

The church is 30 by 53 feet and will really be a big one for a town the size of Cottonwood. It is being built of concrete and stucco with a brick foundation and brick wall part way up. The contractor expects to complete the edifice in three weeks.

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS **Thursday, October 31, 1929**

Cottonwood's New Catholic Church Is Nearly Completed—The new Catholic church being constructed at Cottonwood under the direction of Father M. J. Hynes of the Red Bluff parish, is rapidly nearing completion and it is expected that dedication exercises will be held December 1. The edifice, costing between $7000 and $8000, is the gift to the parish by James Barry of Cottonwood and his two sisters.

Bishop Robert Armstrong of Sacramento will officiate during the dedication program. Bishop Armstrong will be at the Red Bluff church during the morning of that day for the confirmation exercises and will accompany a delegation from Red Bluff to Cottonwood in the afternoon for the dedication.

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS **Thursday, November 7, 1929**

Catholic Church Nearly Ready For Occupancy—The new Cottonwood church is nearly ready for occupancy. The outside is finished and the carpenters are finishing up the inside this week. Pews are being made in Chico by the Diamond Match Company and will be installed the latter part of the week.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, December 14, 1929**

Bishop Armstrong To Dedicate New Cottonwood Church—Red Bluff, Dec. 13.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Armstrong of Sacramento will be here next Sunday to confirm a large class in the Sacred Heart church. It is expected there will be 50 or more children here for the confirmation. They will be from the parishes of Corning, Tehama and Cottonwood, in addition to the Sacred Heart church in this city. The confirmation will take place at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Bishop Armstrong will dedicate the new church at Cottonwood at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, December 15, 1929**

Bishop Armstrong To Confirm Class, Dedicate Church—Rev. Robert Armstrong, bishop of Sacramento, will confirm a class of adults and children at St. Joseph's this morning after 10 o'clock mass.

"This is the bishop's first visit to Redding. It is the first time Redding has had the added honor of having one of California's sons in the capacity of a bishop," said Father A. Gavin yesterday.

"The bishop is the only Catholic member of the hierarchy born in this state to fill one of California sees. Bishop Muldoon of Peoria, Illinois, while a native of California, has not brought the distinction to us that we feel in the presence of Bishop Armstrong among us."

He will continue from Redding to dedicate the new church at Cottonwood at 3 o'clock and thence to confirm at the Red Bluff Catholic Church in the evening at 7:30.

St. Anne Church, Cottonwood, California. Dedicated December 15, 1929 by Bishop Robert J. Armstrong

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 21, 1930**

Old Church Building In Cottonwood Will Be Service Station—An ecclesiastical note has been struck in service station architecture here.

When members of the old Cottonwood Catholic church decided the structure was too near the Pacific Highway, they sold the building to N.E. Long, who is working it over into a modern service station.

NOTE: *Alfred Seale states that the old Catholic church on the southwest corner of Main and High Streets was not converted to a service station but was sold to Robert Adams who moved it to his ranch on Evergreen Road.*

THE SHASTA DIAL **Thursday, March 25, 1937**

James Barry—Funeral services were conducted this afternoon in the Sacred Heart church in Red Bluff for James Barry of Cottonwood, noted rancher and stockraiser and owner of the largest ranch properties in northern California, who died in San Francisco Monday evening following a paralytic stroke suffered a few hours earlier. He was 75 years old. . . .

Barry was a devout member of the Catholic church and bore almost the entire expense of building the Cottonwood Catholic church, which possesses a fine stained glass window dedicated to the memory of Barry's mother.

NOTE: *Alfred Seale states there is no stained glass window in the Cottonwood church, It is in Sacred Heart Church in Red Bluff.*

Catholic Church—Rev. A. Gavin, Pastor. Mass at the Anderson church, first three Sundays of month at 9 a.m. Fourth Sunday, Cottonwood, 8 a.m.

NOTES: *Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Seale of Cottonwood have contributed this additional information concerning the Catholic church in Cottonwood:*

Mary Jane Taylor of Cottonwood donated the lot on which the church now stands as the lot at Main and High Streets was too small for the new church.

The new church was built by James Barry in honor of his father and mother, John and Hannah Barry.

The choir from St. Joseph Church in Redding sang at the dedication of the new church in Cottonwood.

The crucifix from the Barry family home is now on the main altar in the Cottonwood church. It was brought to Cottonwood by Miss May Barry from San Francisco where for a time it had been in St. Boniface Church in that city.

The statues of the Blessed Mother and of St. Joseph which are in the new church came from the Catholic church in Kennett. The statue of St. Anne was given by Miss Addie Barry. The little statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague was a gift from Anna Fitzpatrick of Redding.

St. Anne's was the last church in the diocese to have an altar in the front of the sanctuary. It was built by Harry Serpa of Cottonwood early in 1973.

When the new church was built in Cottonwood there were only seven families in the parish. Now the church is full every Sunday with many standing in the back.

When John Barry, the father of the family, died, his wife, Mrs. Hannah Barry, started the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Red Bluff by purchasing the land and donating same to the church. Mr. Barry was the first person buried in St. Mary's Cemetery. The Barrys had seven children. All of the family except one son are buried in Red Bluff, and that son is buried in Nevada.

EASTERN SHASTA COUNTY

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, August 3, 1900**

Rev. Father McGrath left on Thursday evening's stage for Burney Valley where he will conduct Sunday services.

LETTER FROM MRS. NORA M. SELVESTER, A PIONEER RESIDENT OF GLENBURN **July 15, 1971**

"I was married in San Francisco in 1913. I moved to Glenburn and found a complete absence of Catholicity. I wrote to the chancery of Sacramento and was told I was in the Redding parish. My children were baptized there on holiday trips.

"Occasionally we got to Mass at McCloud. Our doctor, Dr. Pratt, M. D. was a Catholic and my son drove his car at times.

"Sometime in the 30's a priest began to say Mass in Bieber and Nubieber once or twice a month.

"It was there that most of my family of five children made their first communions and were confirmed in Alturas (1939).

"About 1940 Father Oberaigner (now in Paradise) began coming to Fall River Mills occasionally. He flew in and generally ate at our ranch house. Mass was at the Grange Hall.

"I'm not sure when the Trinitarian Order took over in Alturas. Father William McLaughlin began having Mass once or twice a month in Fall River Mills and Burney. At the former place we met in the Grange Hall. In Burney we met at the school house generally.

"We left the valley in 1947. I was back for Easter Mass at Fall River Mills in 1949.

"You have the start of Father DeAndreis' building in Burney from then on."

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, January 3, 1974**

Priest is Mourned—Father William J. McLaughlin, pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Vallejo, died on December 20 after a long illness.

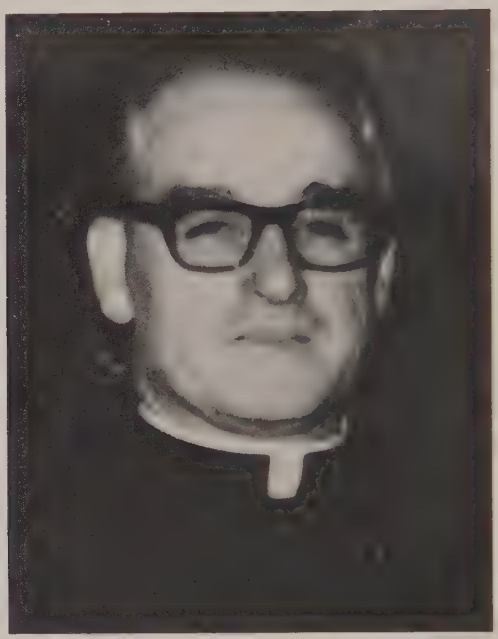
Father McLaughlin was born February 26, 1917, in Philadelphia. He studied at Saint Paul's Seminary in Washington D.C. from 1937 to 1938 and at Holy Name College in Washington D.C. from 1938 to 1943. He was ordained on May 28, 1942 at Catholic University.

He came to Sacramento in 1944 and his first assignment was as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Alturas from 1944 to 1950. He then served as assistant pastor at Saint Joseph's in North Sacramento from 1950 to 1954 and at Saint Bernard's Eureka from 1954 to 1955.

In 1955 he assumed the pastorate of Our Lady of the Snows in Westwood and served there until his appointment as pastor of Saint Catherine's in 1968.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on December 22 at Saint Catherine's in Vallejo. Burial was at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Redding.

NOTE: *Father McLaughlin was a foster son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lewis and was buried in a grave next to the grave of Mr. Lewis in St. Joseph Cemetery, Redding.*



Father William J. McLaughlin
1917-1974
(Courtesy Mrs. W. E. Lewis)

FRENCH GULCH

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 23, 1855**

Bishop Alemanni—Right Rev. Arch-Bishop Alemanni conducted service in the Catholic Church in this place on Sabbath last, in the presence of a large audience. The right of confirmation was administered to a number of persons in the morning. The church and burying ground were also consecrated. Bishop Alemanni will consecrate the new Roman Catholic Church at French Gulch on tomorrow, and on Monday will again return to San Francisco.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 30, 1855**

Consecration of French Gulch Church—On Sabbath last Right Rev. Arch-Bishop Alemanni, assisted by Rev. Ralph Rinaldi, in the presence of a very large audience, performed the interesting ceremony of consecrating the Roman Catholic Church at French Gulch, and also the burial grounds attached. The Arch-Bishop also conducted the service peculiar to the Church and preached a very able sermon, in both the English and French languages. The Church is really a very nice edifice, and is most beautifully located upon the summit of a high hill overlooking the country for miles.

The following entry is from "*Liber Visitationis Episcopalis*," Joseph S. Alemany, Arch-Bishop of San Francisco, Archives of Archdiocese of San Francisco:

Die 24 Junii 1855 Visito locum French Gulch nuncupatun, ejus Ecclesiam sub titulo S. Patritii cum coemeteno eccla contiguo benedico.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, August 29, 1857**

Rev. Barney McFeely has been assigned as assistant Pastor of the Catholic congregations of Shasta County. He will celebrate mass at French Gulch to-morrow.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, August 29, 1857**

Married—At French Gulch, by Rev. R. Rinaldi, on the 20th instant, Mr. B. Gartland to Miss Ann Corn.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 22, 1860**

Midnight Mass will be celebrated in the Catholic Church, in this place, on Christmas Eve. Second church will be held at French Gulch.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 21, 1863**

Catholic Service— Rev. Father Delahunty will have Divine Service at French Gulch on Sunday, 22d inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 11, 1865**

Catholic Service—Rev. Father McNulty will hold Divine Service in the Catholic Church, French Gulch, on Sunday (to-morrow) at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 12, 1868**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father Grace will hold Divine Service in the Catholic Church, in this place, on Sunday (to-morrow) September 13th, at French Gulch on Sunday, 20th, and at Horsetown on Sunday, 27th.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 14, 1877**

Married—At French Gulch, April 8, by Rev. Father Wallrath, T. J. Simpson to Eliza Matthewson.

Cake and wine received.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 31, 1883**

Married—At French Gulch, March 25th, 1883, Johnnie C. Franck to Miss Maggie Murray, both of that place. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Clare, at about 8 o'clock P. M., at the residence of the bride's parents. Miss Julie Franck acted as bridesmaid and Johnnie Murray as groomsman. The bride wore a white tarlatan dress, and the bridesmaid a pink swiss, both of which were very becoming.

After the marriage rites were over and congratulations extended to the happy pair, all repaired to the residence of Mr. F. Franck, where the table was set; and every one seemed to do justice to the supper.

At 10 P. M. the newly married pair, accompanied by the bridesmaid, left for Red Bluff, where they intend to remain about a week. . . .

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the newly married couple's compliments accompanied by a generous supply of wedding cake. In return we make our best bow and now that the young couple are well afloat upon the sea of Matrimony, we wish them bon voyage and trust that throughout the journey of life, they may have pleasant sailing, uninterrupted by squalls, storms or breakers. May unbounded success crown their every laudable effort.

TRINITY JOURNAL **Saturday, September 1, 1883**

Bishop Coming—Rev. Jas. J. Claire, Catholic pastor at this place, desires us to say that he will meet Rt. Rev. Bishop Monogue at Redding on Sept. 6th, and that the Bishop will visit Weaverville and spend some time here. He has been located in Virginia City, Nevada, but is making a tour through Northern California as coadjutor of the Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Connell, of Marysville. Announcement of such Church Services as may be arranged will be made through these columns in due time.

Bishop Patrick Manogue
1831-1895
Coadjutor Bishop of Grass Valley, 1881-1884
Second Bishop of Grass Valley, 1884-1886
First Bishop of Sacramento, 1886-1895
(Historical Archives, University of San Francisco)

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 8, 1883**

Rev. Father Claire of Weaverville was in town Wednesday and received a warm welcome from his host of friends.

TRINITY JOURNAL **Saturday, September 8, 1883**

Catholic Services—Rev. Father J. J. Claire requests us to announce that Right Rev. Bishop Manogue will hold Catholic Services at the following times and places: Oregon Gulch, Sept. 9th; Weaverville, Sept. 16th; French Gulch, Sept. 23d. Circumstances compelled the arrangement of the Bishop's appointments in the order named.

TRINITY JOURNAL **Saturday, September 15, 1883**

Catholic Services—Rt. Rev. Bishop Manogue held services at the Catholic Church on Oregon Gulch last Sabbath, being greeted by a large and attentive congregation. Next Sunday he will have two Masses at St. Patrick's Church, Weaverville, at 8 and 10 o'clock A. M., at the latter of which the rite of Confirmation will be performed. On Sunday, Sept. 23d, the Bishop will be at French Gulch.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 1, 1883**

Talk of building a Catholic church at French Gulch.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, December 1, 1883**

The Rev. Father Claire of Weaverville was in Redding Monday, and in conversation informed us that all possible means will be used to build a church in French Gulch some time the coming year. With this object in view a social and festival will be held there on the 17th of March next—St. Patrick's Day. French Gulch is pleasantly located, is a town of considerable importance; it is a permanent place and bound to grow. It contains many well-to-do Catholics, who should by all means, open their purses to such an object; in fact, it is the duty of all citizens to take an interest in the moral standing of the place in which they live.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 29, 1883**

From French Gulch—Ed. *Courier*—The quilt raffled for the benefit of the Catholic church here was won by J. Q. Boswell, who forthwith exported it as a New Year's gift to his sister, Mrs. J. R. Griffith, of St. Louis, Mo. It was made by Mrs. A. Cusick and brought $62.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, March 29, 1884**

Father Claire of Weaverville was in Redding Tuesday, and informed us that a ball and entertainment, for the benefit of the Catholic Church, will be given at French Gulch April 14th.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 19, 1884**

The Catholic Church festival at French Gulch on the evening of the 14th, is reported as having been a grand success, both financially and socially. Quite a delegation from Shasta attended.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 8, 1884**

We understand that Thomas McDonald and Miss Rosanna Gartland of French Gulch were married at that place on the 6th instant.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, January 3, 1885**

Married—at French Gulch, Dec. 28, 1884, Mr. Luke McDonald and Miss Maggie Mathewson.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 30, 1891**

Mass will be held at French Gulch to-morrow (Sunday) at 10:30 A. M., by Father Quinn.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 5, 1895**

It is reported that a wedding took place at Sacramento, Sept. 28th 1895, in which the contracting parties were French Gulch folks, G. Reinhaus and Miss Johanna Madden.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Wednesday, June 23, 1897**

McCray-Madden—We are pleased to announce the marriage of the couple whose names head this item. The ceremony took place Tuesday afternoon in Sacramento, Rev. Father Walsh officiating. Who is there in this county who does not know the worth of the bride, who has spent her life here, and who was for many years a popular educator among us, and tell us who in this northern country is not acquainted with that big-bodied, large-hearted, commercial traveler, C. C. McCray. Always good-humored, he will make an excellent husband, and she a faithful wife. The *Free Press*, with more than usual interest, wishes them bon voyage on the matrimonial sea.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 26, 1897**

Miss Annie Madden, a popular young lady of French Gulch, was married at Sacramento Tuesday to C. C. McCray.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Tuesday, August 17, 1897**

Rev. Father Connolly, priest of the Weaverville parish, has been at work for some time past collecting funds for the erection of a Catholic church at French Gulch. He has received over $600 and the building of the church is now an assured fact.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 21, 1897**

The Catholic people of French Gulch contemplate the erection of a church soon.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Friday, September 17, 1897**

Rev. M. Connolly, priest of Weaverville parish, was here Thursday evening on his way home after a business trip to San Francisco. He has charge of the work of preparing for the erection of a Catholic church at French Gulch, and will stop over there on his way home.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, October 28, 1897**

Rev. Father Connolly, priest of the French Gulch parish, came down Monday evening and took the local train Thursday morning for Sacramento on a short business trip.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Saturday, January 8, 1898**

The handsome sofa pillow, which was raffled off at French Gulch New Year eve for the benefit of the Catholic church of that town, was won by William Wolf, the well-known blacksmith.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, February 6, 1898**

French Gulch News—The New Catholic church is almost completed and will be a fine structure when done.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Monday, February 14, 1898**

New Church at French Gulch—Mrs. McDonald, wife of Thomas McDonald, the mining man and capitalist, came down from French Gulch Saturday evening and took the local train Monday morning enroute to San Francisco. She will stop over in Sacramento. Mrs. McDonald spends the summer at her old home in French Gulch and the winters in San Francisco. She is unusually late this season in reaching her winter home.

She was detained in French Gulch by a worthy undertaking of which she was one of the promoters. It was the building of a Catholic church. The building is almost completed. The carpenter work is finished and the painters are now at work. The church is of a very pretty design.

The priest of the Weaverville parish will have charge of the French Gulch parish. The dedication of the church will take place soon.

Mrs. McDonald will stop over in Sacramento to confer with the bishop as to the dedication of the splendid edifice.

FROM A LETTER OF LIONEL J. SORACCO, JR.
dated June 1969:

Here is a photo of Mrs. McDonald taken in Christmas 1944, I believe. She was visiting my father, mother and me in Arcadia. Her brother, John Gartland, was my father's guardian. We called her "Aunt" Rose Anna. As I think back to her in those days, my recollections are of a lady of very cultivated manners and nobility. By this I do not imply any hollowness—she was a product of another age than ours, where dignity and self-control were evidently virtues. She had a good sense of humor—wit would be the better word—but never anything coarse. As you can see from the photo, she wore the fashions of the far distant past until the end of her life.

She spent her later years as a permanent resident of the Manx Hotel in San Francisco, seasonally visiting in French Gulch and visiting us annually at Christmas time and sometimes Easter. It was on such an occasion that the photo was taken.

Mrs. Rose Anna McDonald
(Courtesy Lionel J. Soracco, Jr.)

DAILY FREE PRESS **Friday, December 2, 1898**

Fine Church Edifice—The Catholic Church at French Gulch is completed, with the exception of some of the more elaborate inside decorative features. J. H. Strite of this city was there last week and put in an altar, railings and gilt mouldings. He is now at work on an elaborate piece of grill work which, when completed and put in place, will complete one of the finest church edifices in the county.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Wednesday, December 28, 1898**

French Gulch's Catholic Church—J. H. Strite, the carpenter and cabinet-maker, returned Tuesday from a short business trip to French Gulch. He is putting in the finishing work of the new Catholic Church at that place. Mr. Strite has completed and placed in the edifice two beautiful pieces of grill work. He has received an order for a piece which will be much larger and even more beautiful than those completed.

St. Rose Church, French Gulch, California. Dedicated November 21, 1900 by Bishop Thomas Grace

Interior St. Rose Church, French Gulch

Interior St. Rose Church, French Gulch

(Photo by Jean Moores Beauchamp)

THE FREE PRESS (WEEKLY) **Saturday, March 4, 1899**

Handsome Grill Work—J. H. Strite, the cabinet maker, has completed the design for another piece of grill work for the interior of the Catholic Church at French Gulch. This piece will be by far the most elaborate in that handsomely decorated edifice. It will be in the form of an arch and will span the room from wall to wall, just in front of the altar. The span will be twenty feet. The grill will reach within four feet of the floor, and at each end is a cove in which a stand bearing a vase of flowers will be placed. The lower edge of the arch will be hung with heavy white and gold cord.

THE FREE PRESS (WEEKLY) **Saturday, July 15, 1899**

J. H. Strite, the carpenter and builder, has completed the elaborate piece of grill work for the pretty new Catholic Church at French Gulch. The grill is a beautiful specimen of the cabinetmaker's art. It is now in the hands of the painter. Mr. Strite has made a number of pieces of this class of work for the new church.

THE FREE PRESS (WEEKLY) **Saturday, July 22, 1899**

J. H. Strite went to French Gulch Sunday, where he is to install a handsome piece of grill work in the Catholic Church of that place. The grill work was conveyed to the Gulch by E. T. Durfor Jr., who took along a camping outfit and was followed by his family. Mr. and Mrs. Durfor and children are to camp in the Mount Bally region for a week.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, November 16, 1900**

To Dedicate A Church—Next Sunday morning at 10 a. m. the new Catholic Church in French Gulch will be dedicated by Bishop Grace of Sacramento. The church is one of the handsomest and best equipped of the size in the state. It is in a great measure to the generosity and untiring energy of Mrs. Thomas McDonald, wife of the well-known mining man, that the Catholics of French Gulch are indebted for the beautiful edifice. A cordial invitation to be present at the ceremony of dedication is extended to all.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, November 21, 1900**

Thomas McDonald drove down from French Gulch Monday evening. He was accompanied home Tuesday afternoon by the Rt. Rev. T. Grace, bishop of the Catholic Church, who arrived from Sacramento, Rev. Father T. Nugent of Weaverville and Rev. Father C. C. McGrath of Red Bluff. The bishop, assisted by the priests, will conduct the dedication ceremonies Wednesday of the new Catholic Church at French Gulch. It is a fine building and reflects credit on the people of French Gulch.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, November 22, 1900**

Church Dedicated—The people of French Gulch enjoyed an eloquent address by Bishop Grace of Sacramento Wednesday, at the dedication of the new Catholic church, recently completed in that town.

The bishop was assisted in the dedication services by Father McGrath of Red Bluff and Father Nugent of Weaverville. A class of ten children were confirmed.

This church was built by public subscription. Mrs. Thomas McDonald led the movement. It has been in course of construction for two years. Father McGrath stated that it is one of the nicest houses of worship in any country town in the state. Rev. Father Nugent, who was recently transferred from Sacramento to Weaverville, will be pastor of the new church, holding services there once a month.

THE FREE PRESS (WEEKLY) **Saturday, February 23, 1901**

Deed For Church Site—A deed was filed for record Saturday wherein Rose A. McDonald transfers to Bishop Thomas Grace of the Roman Catholic church a parcel of

land in French Gulch to be used for church purposes. There is embodied in the deed a provision that in the event of the property ever being used for any other purpose it is to again become the property of the original owner.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Saturday, October 8, 1901**

Rev. Father Quinn came up from Sacramento Saturday morning and went to French Gulch to hold services.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 30, 1905**

Father Gilmartin, Catholic priest for the Weaverville parish, conducted services in French Gulch Sunday and came to Redding on the evening stage. He went to Sacramento on the overland, expecting to be detained at the capital most of the week on private business.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, November 9, 1905**

A Happy Wedding At French Gulch—The home of Mrs. A. Lawton in French Gulch was the scene of a pretty wedding Tuesday night, when Rev. Father Gilmartin of Weaverville joined in marriage J. A. Steele and Miss Margaret Lawton.

Mr. Steele is a young man who has lived at French Gulch several years and is interested in mines. He lived formerly in San Jose, where he was engaged in business. Miss Lawton, now Mrs. Steele, was born and reared in French Gulch and made her home with her aunt, Mrs. A. Lawton.

After a honeymoon of two weeks in San Francisco and Southern California, Mr. and Mrs. Steele will return to French Gulch and make their home. They left Redding on the Wednesday morning train.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, December 29, 1905**

Church Bell for French Gulch—A church bell for the French Gulch Catholic Church was received Thursday at the Redding depot. The bell has this inscription molded on its side: "Dedicated to the Memory of Bernard Gartland." It will be shipped to the Gulch today.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, June 30, 1906**

Father Gilmartin of Weaverville will celebrate mass in French Gulch Sunday morning at 9:30.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, August 16, 1906**

From Copper City To Their Wedding—Wallace McCampbell and Miss Arlita Feeney, both of Copper City, were married Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Golden Eagle Hotel. Rev. Father Nugent performed the ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. P. A. Sheehan of Copper City. She was born and reared in French Gulch, but has lived in Copper City for several years. The groom's home is in Copper City, where he was born and reared. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. McCampbell, pioneers of the old mining camp.

Miss Feeney and Mr. McCampbell attended the Normal school in Chico last term. They will make their future home in Copper City, where Mr. McCampbell is engaged in the freighting business.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, October 3, 1909**

Mass In French Gulch— Weaverville, October 2.—Father Gilmartin left this morning for French Gulch, where he will celebrate mass tomorrow. From French Gulch he will go to Grass Valley to attend a retreat for pastors of the Sacramento diocese. During his absence anyone needing the administrations of a priest will communicate with Father Nugent of Redding.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, June 22, 1912**

New Priest For Trinity County–Woodland, June 22.–Father J. Crowe, who has been assistant to Father Willows, left for Weaverville Thursday night, where he will be in charge of the various Catholic churches in Trinity county and one in the extreme western part of Shasta county.

He will be succeeded by Father Cornelius Murphy, who has been assistant at Red Bluff.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Monday, June 24, 1912**

Father A. B. Crowe of Woodland went to Weaverville this morning. He will be located there.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Wednesday, June 26, 1912**

Leaves The Parish After Six Years–Weaverville, June 26.–Father Robert J. Gilmartin, priest in this parish for the last six years, left by automobile this morning for Redding, whence he will go to Sonora, to which place he has been transferred. Father Crowe of Woodland, who succeeds Father Gilmartin, arrived early in the week. The parish includes all of Trinity county and French Gulch in Shasta county.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Tuesday, May 13, 1913**

Mass In French Gulch–Father C. J. Cronin will celebrate mass in French Gulch at 10 o'clock next Sunday morning. Father Cronin's parish includes all of Trinity county and French Gulch in addition. He resides in Weaverville.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Tuesday, May 13, 1913**

Father C. J. Cronin came in from Weaverville by automobile stage Monday afternoon. He left on the night train for Sacramento, where he will spend the rest of the week, returning to French Gulch next Sunday morning in time to hold service there.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Thursday, January 15, 1914**

Father Cronin of Weaverville left Redding this morning by stage, expecting to stop off in French Gulch as he was on his way home.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Monday, June 1, 1914**

Miss Margaret Cronin came up from San Francisco Sunday morning. She is a sister of Father P. J. Cronin of Weaverville, with whom she will make her home this summer. Father Cronin celebrated mass in French Gulch Sunday, returning to Redding in the evening to greet his sister on her arrival from the bay. French Gulch, though in Shasta County, is in Father Cronin's parish, which also embraces all of Trinity county.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, September 5, 1914**

Mass In French Gulch–Father P. J. Cronin of Weaverville will celebrate mass in French Gulch at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, January 30, 1915**

Father Cronin of Weaverville arrived in this city Thursday from a ten day trip to San Francisco. He will celebrate mass in French Gulch on Sunday.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, June 17, 1916**

Mass In French Gulch–Rev. Father Cronin will be at French Gulch for mass Sunday at the usual time.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, April 22, 1917**

Father P. J. Cronin of Weaverville, who had been in Marysville to attend the funeral of Father Coleman, was the guest of Father Thomas Hayes in the city Friday night. Father Cronin left for his Trinity county parish Saturday morning.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, April 28, 1918**

Father Cronin Joins The Army—Former Weaverville Priest Accepts Appointment As Chaplain. (Special to *The Searchlight*.)

Weaverville, April 27.—Father Patrick T. Cronin, priest stationed at Goldfield, Nevada, is back in Weaverville to visit his former parishioners for a few days before leaving for the front.

Father Cronin has been appointed a chaplain in the army. He will begin his duties in the military field as soon as his commission arrives from Washington.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, August 5, 1926**

St. Rose's Catholic Church At French Gulch To Be Opened—(Special to *The Searchlight*)

French Gulch, Aug. 4—Sunday, August 8 promises to be a red letter day in French Gulch. The occasion will be the reopening of St. Rose's Catholic Church. The church has been renovated and decorated through the kindness of Mrs. Thomas McDonald.

Twenty-six years ago Mrs. McDonald donated the money to build the church. It was dedicated that same year by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas Grace of Sacramento, who was one time pastor in Trinity County. Now after a lapse of more than a quarter of a century the church is being renovated and improved.

The Rev. Father Alphonsus Gavin, B. A., pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Redding, will officiate at the mass. Singing will be supplied by the choir of St. Joseph's Church under the direction of Miss Wilemena Nock. Mass will be followed by benediction of the blessed sacrament. Many of the parishioners of St. Joseph's parish will be present at the mass.

Mass will be at 9. It is further planned to take lunches and have a picnic up the creek, where the scenery is beautiful, the atmosphere cool, and above all things where the water is clear and sparkling. Many of the parishioners of St. Patrick's parish Weaverville also plan on being present.

NOTE: *Mass was celebrated monthly in French Gulch in 1926, 1927 and 1928.*

THE SHASTA DIAL **Thursday, September 3, 1936**

French Gulch—Father Kirby of Redding celebrated mass in St. Rose Catholic church here last Sunday.

FROM A LETTER WRITTEN BY MRS. GERTRUDE FONDAHN, dated October 1, 1951 **French Gulch**
Steger Collection
Shasta College Museum and Research Center

. . . The old Catholic church on the hill fell to decay many years ago. It was just a rough board affair with white painted benches for seats. No one seems to remember whether there was statuary or fancy altar decorations in the church. I remember the old people saying they paid penance for their sins when they struggled up that very steep hill to church.

I guess the hill was the only safe place for the church as the lower part of the Gulch was being sluiced out by the placer miners. The present church is just across from Rosanna McDonald's home and it was built in about 1895 or a little later. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, July 11, 1966**

French Gulch Holds First Sidewalk Exhibit of Art—Yesterday and Saturday, over 500 art patrons, curiosity seekers, and Sunday drivers meandered walkways lined by picket fences and antique store fronts to view over 150 art works, products of 25 artists who entered the town's first open art invitational sidewalk show. . . .

The historic old French Gulch Church, which had not been in use since 1941, was opened to the town's visitors on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and its sonorous old bell was rung on the hour during the day-long festivities. By 5 p.m. Sunday, over 150 guests had signed the church register. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, July 19, 1966**

Sleepy Church Awakens—By Jayne Borges. Nestled among the brush-covered slopes and abandoned mines of French Gulch the old church slept.

For 14 years since a priest last said a Mass there, St. Rose's Catholic Church had seen few callers. But when its doors were opened to the public July 10, 150 visitors streamed through what had long been a French Gulch landmark.

There is no electricity or water in the church, but the pews have cushions, faded though they may be. A few windows are still boarded up, and window shades and draperies are rotting away.

Dust sits in the pews and on the worn carpet, and patches of the modest, wooden exterior show through the old white paint.

Longtime residents of French Gulch estimate that the church was built sometime about 1898. No official date of dedication or other records have yet been found on the little white church that used to seat 50 to 60 worshippers.

"Mrs. Rosanna McDonald was quite wealthy, and it was through her work that the church was built," Mrs. Arleta A. Woll, 78-year-old French Gulch resident, recalled.

"I remember a few of the women selling tickets to the miners for a pillow raffle to raise money for the church," she said. "I don't remember what the pillows were like, but they couldn't have been too fancy in those days," she said and laughed.

Mrs. Woll and other longtime residents say that Mrs. Rosanna McDonald and Mrs. Luke McDonald both left money to the church when they died and that the church was named in memory of Rosanna.

The old bell that was rung every hour on the hour July 10 was donated by Mrs. McDonald when her father died.

"All I remember about the inside of the church was the beautiful carpet," Mrs. Woll said. "But somebody told me a while back that moths had started to eat it away."

But before the moths came, masses were said in St. Rose's once a month on a weekday by Redding priests, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Connor said.

"We just don't have enough priests to make the trip anymore," Msgr. O'Connor said. "It is only a 20-minute drive into Redding now for the Catholics there," he added.

The doors are locked again on the old church. Mrs. James Westlake, keeper of the keys, said she wanted to clean it before she opens the doors again a week from tomorrow.

"If people still want to see the church then, I'll open the doors," she said.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, June 19, 1972**

Big Crowd Attends French Gulch Fair—The French Gulch Country Fair, organized by the French Gulch Community Club, drew hundreds of visitors Sunday when the historic town relived some of its more glamorous days.

There were demonstrations of gold panning, weaving, home-baking and antique dolls plus the usual libations of soda pop (among other things).

Visitors also had the opportunity of touring the old Saint Rose Catholic Church, which has been closed for many years. . . .

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Horsetown, Aug. 11, 1860. a11tf

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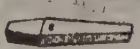

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WM. GOODALL,

Horsetown, Aug. 11, 1860. a11tf

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HORSETOWN

Deed—Deeded by James Dunn & Julia, his wife, to Joseph Alemanni, Archbishop of San Francisco. All that certain piece of land situate at Horsetown, being 150 feet front and 200 feet back, and bounded on one side by Martin O'Rourk's property and on the other side by the public road.

Recorded 26th of November, 1853.
Book E, Page 230, Shasta County.

THE SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, February 2, 1856**

Churches At Horsetown—About two weeks since a very neat and comfortable Catholic Church was completed and dedicated at Horsetown. The congregation is under the charge of Father Rinaldi of this place. We are informed that those of the Methodist persuation are also taking steps towards erecting for themselves a comfortable place of worship at the same place.

THE SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, March 8, 1856**

Tea Party—St. Mary's Church, Catholic, at Horsetown, has been recently finished. It is an elegant little structure and is tastefully furnished and decorated. The Rev. R. Rinaldi is the pastor of the Horsetown congregation and visits it every month. We are informed that a Tea Party will be given at the church at four o'clock to-morrow evening, that day being Passion Sunday. The object of the party is to liquidate a small debt which has been incurred in the erection of the church.

THE SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, May 16, 1857**

Consecration of a Grave Yard—The Catholic burying ground at Horsetown will be consecrated by Archbishop Alemany on Sunday next.

The following entry is from "*Liber Visitationes Episcopalis*," Joseph S. Alemany, Archbishop of San Francisco, Archives of Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Die 17 Maji 1857 Visito pagum Horsetown dictum dando confirmationem in Eccla Sanctae Mariae de Assumptione benedicta a Rev. Raphaele Rainaldi di 25 Dec. A. D. 1855, et benedico ejus coemeterium.

NOTE: *There were no notices in the newspapers of burials in the Catholic cemetery in Horsetown.*

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 13, 1872**

Church—Rev. Father Coleman will hold Service in the Catholic Church at Horsetown next Sunday.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 7, 1872**

Rev. Father Coleman will celebrate mass in the chapel at Horsetown next Sabbath at 10 o'clock A. M.

NOTE: *There were notices in the* Shasta Courier *for masses in Horsetown for the years 1864 to 1874 inclusive, the last notice being in the issue dated June 20, 1874.*

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 18, 1879**

Horsetown in this county, once quite a large and very lively town, is now the home of but three voters.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 8, 1884**

An attache of the U. S. Geological Survey writing from Eagle Creek under date of October 27th, says:

Leaving Redding we traveled southwest towards Igo, and passed through Muletown and Horsetown. Both are old mining towns and are nearly deserted, especially Horsetown, in which there are several very fine buildings, and one large brick building, which must have cost several thousand dollars. Mining in that locality has long since been discontinued.

KENNETT

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 13, 1899**

Kennett, the metropolis of the Backbone creek country, is on the ascending scale of importance and revival and renewal of mining interests accounts therefore. A smelter is hotly talked of there, and the railroad company has lumber on the ground to build a shed, turntable, and stable a locomotive at the riverside station.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, February 10, 1906**

Catholic Services—Father Nugent will hold services Sunday evening at 8:30 in Kennett, at the residence of S. M. Stone.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, December 28, 1906**

Kennett News Section—The Ladies' Club, an auxiliary of the Catholic Church, will give a New Year's eve dance in Endicott's Hall Monday night. The ladies have a way of making their undertakings thoroughly successful and next Monday night promises to prove no exception.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, January 3, 1907**

Danced Till 4 A. M.—The New Year's eve dance given in Endicott's Hall by the Catholic ladies was both a social and a financial success. The Kennett orchestra, which is becoming famous in this part of the country, played such good music and the dancers had such a good time that they were loath to leave at 4 a.m.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, February 19, 1907**

Anna Mary Predovitch—Kennett, February 18.—Father Nugent spent several hours in Kennett Saturday morning, during which he said mass at the home of Mrs. Peter LeClaire. At the same service Father Nugent christened the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Predovitch. The child was christened Anna Mary. Mr. and Mrs. P. LeClaire acted as sponsors.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Tuesday, April 16, 1907**

Ice Cream Social This Evening—Acme Club Will Have An Enjoyable Time At Social.

Kennet, April 16.—With the assurance of good weather this evening the ladies of the Acme Club anticipate a good attendance at the ice cream social to be held in the Woodmen hall under the auspices of the club.

The purpose of the social is to assist in raising money for the fund for building the new Catholic church, on which it is expected that work will soon commence.

There will be a very excellent program rendered, which will consist of songs, duets and musical selections.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, April 17, 1907**

Acme Club Gave An Entertainment—Fine Program Presented By The Ladies Of The Catholic Church.

Kennett, April 16—The ladies of the Catholic Church, under the name of the Acme Club, gave an ice cream social in Merrill's Hall Tuesday evening. It was well attended and proved an enjoyable affair. The program was as follows:

Orchestra selection; duet, "Whispering Hope," Mrs. H. H. Bishop and Mrs. E. Miller; pantomine, and song, Mr. and Mrs. Berner and Mrs. Whittemore; solo, "Dearie," Mrs. William Hodgkins; solo T. Fitzpatrick; recitation, Mrs. F. L. Berner; solo, "Only a Faded Rose," Mrs. E. Miller; character dance, Ursalla Reed; solo, "Asleep in the Deep," Lester Ralston.

The program concluded with a laughable comedy, entitled "The Family Not to Pattern After."

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Tuesday, May 14, 1907**

Acme Club Is Holding A Fair—Fine Display Of Needle Work In Smelter Town. The ladies of the Acme Club are holding a church fair this week. The affair opened yesterday and will close tomorrow evening.

There is a fine display of needle-work and dainties and everything is meeting with a ready sale.

The public is cordially invited to attend and it is hoped that the ladies will be able to dispose of all of their handiwork.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, August 13, 1907**

Contract Let For Catholic Church—Father Nugent of Redding has let the contract for building a Catholic church for Kennett to R. E. Burk. The building will be 24 by 40 feet, with an annex in the rear. and it will be topped off with a belfry and steeple. The edifice will stand on a lot in the residence district that was given to the parish several months ago by the Mammoth Copper Company.

Mr. Burk has contracted to do the carpenter work only. Father Nugent is to furnish the material as it is needed. Building operations will begin at once, or as soon as the lumber can be delivered.

At first it was decided to only enclose the building, but it has since been decided to complete the church inside and outside, even furnishing it with permanent fixtures.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 1, 1907**

Lumber For Church—A carload of lumber for the new Catholic church was spotted in the yards Sunday. A dozen men made a Sunday frolic and unloaded the material in short order.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, October 4, 1907**

The first load of lumber to be used in the erection of the Catholic church arrived last Sunday and has been hauled to the site. Construction will be started at once.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, October 11, 1907**

Rev. Father Nugent of Redding spent Wednesday in Kennett.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, November 3, 1907**

Catholic Church—With the exception of placing in position the windows and doors the new Catholic church is practically completed and when entirely finished it will present a very neat and attractive appearance. The building has an excellent location. It is 24 by 40 feet. A small room has been built on each side of the church and a small cupalo adds greatly to the appearance of the building. The church was constructed by Contractor George Levee and has cost in the neighborhood of $1000.

Catholic Church, Kennett, California (Shasta Historical Society)

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, November 7, 1907**

The doors and windows for the new Catholic church have arrived and are being placed in position. On its completion the church will be dedicated and services will be held in it every other Sunday.

FROM LETTER OF MSGR. CORNELIUS P. HIGGINS,
The Chancery, Diocese of Sacramento
dated December 30, 1974
to Msgr. John O'Connor

I regret to state that we have no records concerning the building or the dedication of the former Catholic church at Kennett. As you are probably aware, the historical files of those days were not kept very accurately. There is no extant book of Bishop Grace's visitations, nor is there anything contained in the historical files such as they are, of those days of Redding and Red Bluff here in our office. I might note that the Bishop's appointment books were not kept until Bishop McGucken's time.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, November 20, 1907**

For Catholic Church—A lot has been purchased in the Mammoth Copper Mining Company's Smelter addition to the town of Kennett for the erection of a Catholic church building. The deed, dated October 23, 1907, was filed for record Tuesday. The instrument conveys from the Mammoth Company to Thomas Nugent, for a consideration named as $1, lot 9 and the west half of lot 8, Block 10, Smelter addition to Kennett.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, November 24, 1907**

Raffle For Watch—The ladies of the Catholic church, in an endeavor to secure funds for the completion and furnishing of their new church, are raffling a ladies' gold watch and the name of the winner will be announced in these columns in the near future. Tickets for chances can be secured of Mrs. E. J. Miller, Mrs. LeClair or any member of the Acme Club.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, November 24, 1907**

Acme Reorganized—The Acme Club, which was formerly considered one of the best societies in Kennett, has been entirely reorganized and will hereafter hold its regular weekly meetings at the homes of the members. The society is composed of members of the Catholic church. At the reorganization meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. E. J. Miller, Friday afternoon, the following ladies were elected officers: Mrs. E. J. Miller, president; Mrs. Sauve, vice-president; Miss Schlafer, secretary and treasurer. The next meeting will be held on the afternoon of December 4th at the home of Mrs. Suave.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, December 5, 1907**

Date Preempted—The ladies of the Acme Club of the Catholic church will hold a social and entertainment on the evening of January 12th. The program has not yet been completed but it will be published in due time. On account of the large crowd which is expected to be in attendance it will be held in Woodmen's Hall.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, December 11, 1907**

The ladies of the Acme Club are preparing a raffle for a gold watch to raise money for the Catholic church. The raffle will come off in January.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, March 21, 1908**

Catholic Deed—Deed was filed for record Friday of the transfer from Thomas Nugent to Thomas Grace of lot 9 and the west half of lot 8, block 10, Kennett Smelter addition. Thomas Grace is the Roman Catholic Bishop of the diocese of Sacramento.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, September 13, 1908**

Kennett Notes—Quite an interest is taken in the two churches of the town—the Catholic, of which Rev. Thomas Nugent is pastor, and the Methodist, whose pastor is Rev. O. M. Brink.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, January 14, 1909**

Kennett Notes—Father Thomas Nugent of the Redding Catholic church has quite a number of parishioners here and holds stated services in their church.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Monday, September 13, 1909**

New Opera House A Credit To Kennett—Kennett, Sept. 12.—The opening of the new theatre and hall last night with a grand free ball given by the management was a feature long to be remembered by the pleasure seekers of this vicinity and visitors, certainly reflects credit on the men who have spent their time and money to give the town one of the finest places of amusement seen outside of the large cities. . . .

Ladies of the Catholic church took in $112 from the supper which was served in the new club rooms downstairs.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, May 29, 1910**

Kennett Notes—The Acme Club, composed of the lady members of the Catholic church, has been reorganized. Wednesday afternoon they will meet at the residence of Mrs. William Welsh for the electing of officers. The members of the club meet every two weeks at the houses of the different members and beside entering actively in the social affairs of Kennett, the members accomplish a great deal of good in the community.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, April 5, 1913**

Father C. Tevlin went to Kennett Friday evening to hold services Saturday morning.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Friday, March 20, 1914**

Father Tevlin returned Thursday night from Kennett, where he held services day before yesterday morning. Father Tevlin visited the Mammoth mine settlement yesterday.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, May 26, 1938**

Historic Town of Kennett—A boom town two decades ago when the World war skyrocketed the demand for copper in its nearby mountains, the town of Kennett has become a "doom town" to be buried at the bottom of the gigantic reservoir to be created by construction of mighty Shasta dam. . . .

In the closing decades of the 19th century when the expanding Southern Pacific railroad was reaching ever deeper into the mountains to bring out the increasing shipments of ore, Kennett came into being.

At first it was merely an emergency brake testing station for the heavy, ponderous ore trains.

At the end of the century gold was discovered, the workings developed. By 1904 a larger company took control, shortly after found copper, developed and expanded its holdings—then, convinced that a rich mine awaited widescale operations, looked for such a buyer.

Geologists and engineers by the score probed and tested. Thirty-two companies dickered and then withdrew. Then the 33rd company, the United States Mining and Smelting company, closed the deal for $750,000.

Kennett, almost overnight, became a town.

Within a year 3500 men were working at the Mammoth mine.

Kennett was beginning to call itself the "Pittsburgh of the west."

The Mammoth grew richer, its output soared. It was a major producer when the world war broke.

Copper prices went to unbelievable heights, miners were paid anything they demanded. Kennett literally rolled in money.

The smelters were increased from 750 to 1500 tons daily capacity. Gold veins were developed that were so rich they paid all operating costs—the precious copper became practically all clear profit.

Kennett, California **(Bertha Bass Johnstone Collection, Shasta College Museum)**

By the end of 1919 the little brake testing station of a few decades ago had shipped more than $100,000,000 worth of ore.

The Diamond bar, the Gold Nugget cafe and other gay spots were as famous as the amusement magnets that drew thousands of men with their newly won fortunes to the Comstock and other famed mining centers of the west.

Then the bubble burst. With the armistice the demand for copper abruptly ceased. In one week the price dropped one half, then went lower.

But even then Kennett couldn't believe that its day was over.

Accustomed to high wages, with money seemingly inexhaustible Kennett laughed at offers of reduced pay, a return to normal.

The company argued, pleaded and then realizing that the best of the ore reserves had been worked, closed down.

But still Kennett laughed. Such a shutdown was a gesture. All the money in the world seemed centered in the narrow canyon.

Only when the Mammoth sold its entire working equipment and a junking company began dismantling the famous producer did Kennett realize the end had come.

Then the fine brick buildings were dismantled to become stores and houses from Redding to Sacramento.

Kennett sank lower and lower until only a few determined citizens still clung to their belief that some day the company or some other firm would resume work, that the "good old days" would return.

But now its fate sealed, Kennett watches the opening construction activity on the Central Valley project, the huge Shasta dam with anxious interest.

Kennett is busy again, but only for a decade at most.

Then the once gayest town of the west will go to sleep forever—at the bottom of a lake.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, February 3, 1944**

Old Pit River Bridge And Kennett Under Water—The old Pit river bridge, 16 miles north of Redding today was submerged under water in the Shasta dam reservoir, and the Little Copper City bridge was spotted floating on the lake.

Swollen by recent heavy rains and melting snow, the reservoir today was expanding in width, and the old town of Kennett was completely inundated.

Only the roofs of two residence buildings high on the mountainside were visible at Kennett today.

The water in the reservoir rose 12 feet in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tomorrow the gates in the diversion tunnel are expected to be permanently closed, and water released through the outlet pipes in Shasta dam, Ralph Lowry, U.S. bureau of reclamation engineer, disclosed this morning.

The water in the reservoir this morning reached the outlet pipes. . . .

KESWICK

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, November 13, 1898**

Rev. Father McGrath of Red Bluff left yesterday morning for Shasta where he held services in the afternoon. To-day services will be held at Keswick.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, November 9, 1899**

Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Keswick at 8 o'clock and in Redding at 10:30 o'clock a.m. next Sunday, November 12.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, July 7, 1900**

Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass next Sunday at Keswick in the schoolhouse at 8 o'clock and in Redding at 11:30 on the same morning.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, August 8, 1900**

On next Sunday Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Keswick in the schoolhouse at 9 a.m. and in Redding at the Catholic church at 10:30 a.m.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Saturday, November 10, 1900**

Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Keswick at 8 o'clock Sunday morning and in Redding at 10:30 a.m. on the same day.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, December 21, 1900**

Christmas Services—On Christmas Eve, December 24th, Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate midnight mass in the Taylor schoolhouse and the musical portion of the services will be sung by a trained choir. On Christmas Day high mass will be sung by a special choir in Redding, service commencing at 9 a.m. Monday, Christmas Eve, is a fast day of obligation in the Catholic Church.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, April 12, 1901**

Keswick, April 11—Catholic services will be held here next Sunday, mass being held by Rev. Father McGrath of Red Bluff in the schoolhouse at 11 a.m.

Fifty Years of Operation by
The Mountain Copper Company, Ltd. in Shasta County
by William F. Kett

The Town of Taylor—The property of the company in the vicinity of the smelter was known as Keswick, and the Southern Pacific Railway station was also called by that name; but adjoining and immediately to the south there grew up a community that

Keswick, California **(Courtesy Maida Glover Gandy)**

called itself Taylor. Shortly after the company broke ground for the building of its plant, this town started to grow. First came a couple of saloons then some more, then stores, two very good hotels, several boarding houses, a drugstore, a post-office named "Taylor", a weekly newspaper *(The Mountain Miner)*, etc. At the peak of activities, a very good school house was erected to care for some 300 children, under five teachers. Likewise there was a very good church, a livery stable, and at one time, 30 saloons and other places where drinks were served. Including company employees, this mushroom town had a population of perhaps 1,600 to 1,800, with a town constable, a Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace court, and a jail that was always full. . . .

FREE PRESS **Tuesday, May 14, 1901**

A New Church—Keswick Catholics Will Have an Edifice. The Catholic families of Taylor and Keswick are to have a new church at last. Two corner lots on the south end of California street are secured and a list of names representing some of the best and most successful business men in Taylor and some of the best mechanics in Taylor and Keswick are enrolled on the general committee list. Rev. Father McGrath has been appointed by Bishop Grace to see to all the details in the erection of the church and with the aid of such a representative body of men to aid him, the new building will be a success and an ornament to the town.

The executive committee includes Mssrs. D. McCarthy, J. J. Barrett, Maurice Flynn, R. P. Dinnigan.

The general committee includes D. Lucy, P. Hurley, H. McCurry, W. J. Fitzpatrick, P. Dineen, George Vegan, Charles Matthews, Bernard Connors, John Crimmans, P. Conway, J. J. Kelly, Michael Clairy, T. J. Kelly, Charles Murchison, Peter Porter, P. Burke, B. McGowen, Joe Hardy, G. Bandett, Hugh Langdon and John L. Sullivan.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 14, 1901**

New Church Home For Smelter City—A long cherished ambition of the adherents of the Catholic Church in Keswick seems in a fair way to being realized, and the announcement made at the regular monthly services held there Sunday by Rev. Father McGrath that a site for a new church had been secured in a most desirable location, was received with great gratification by the large congregation.

Two lots cornering on California street have been deeded to the bishop of the Sacramento diocese and a committee of twenty-four of the leading men of the town was appointed to take the matter in hand and act with Rev. Father McGrath, the pastor, in soliciting subscriptions for the erection of a substantial church building. The general committee is as follows: D. McCarthy, J. J. Barrett, Maurice Flynn, R. P. Dinnigan, D. Lucy, P. Hurley, Henry McCurry, P. Dinnen, Charles Matthews, W. J. Fitzpatrick, George Vogan, Bernard Connors, John Crisman, Michael Clairy, Charles Murchison, P. Conway, T. J. Kelly, J. J. Kelley, Peter Porter, P. Burke, B. McGowen, Joseph Hurdy, Hugh Langdon, George Beaudet, and John L. Sullivan. The list contains the names of some of the best mechanics in Keswick and good results are expected when they meet to deliberate upon ways and means.

The following are an executive board: D. McCarthy, J. J. Barrett, Maurice Flynn and R. P. Dinnigan.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, May 23, 1901**

Keswick Catholics Prepare To Build—Plans And Estimates Submitted For A $1400 Edifice.

A meeting for the purpose of devising means to build a church was held by the Catholic residents of our city in McCarthy's parlors and much progress was made towards realizing the object of the meeting. A committee was appointed, consisting of J. J. Barrett, M. C. Murchison and Mr. McCurry, to submit plans and estimates for an edifice, the dimensions to be thirty by seventy feet, to cost in the neighborhood of $1400. The promoters feel quite confident that success will crown their efforts, as already over half the required amount has been subscribed.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, May 25, 1901**

Seven Hundred Dollars Raised—Keswick, May 24.—The committee in charge of raising funds for the construction of the Catholic Church are meeting with a great deal of success. Already they have raised about $700, besides the three lots that they will build on, although only a short time has elapsed since they have been in the field. The committee consists of Dan McCarthy, P. Hurley, H. McCurry, R. P. Dinnigan and J. J. Barrett and will meet again next Monday evening, when if conditions justify, the lumber will be looked up for the church building. All those who sympathize with this movement are requested to lend all the assistance in their power.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, May 29, 1901**

House of Worship Is Now Assured—The committee in charge of raising funds with which to build a Catholic Church report that they have collected $875. On or about the 17th of June, the lumber will be ordered and construction work will be commenced. Financial help from Iron Mountain has been promised and there is no doubt that the church will be built.

THE FREE PRESS (WEEKLY) **Saturday, June 1, 1901**

Keswick's Catholic Church—Dan McCarthy of Keswick has given three lots aggregating seventy-five feet on which to erect the Catholic church. At a preliminary meeting with six persons present $300 was subscribed in a few minutes to the building fund.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, June 9, 1901**

Keswick—Catholic Church services will be held today (Sunday) at 8 a.m. in the schoolhouse. A good attendance is desired.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, June 22, 1901**

Keswick—That splendid work has been done by the committee in charge of raising funds to build the Catholic Church is quite apparent, as up to date over $1000 in cash has been collected, and more to come. The committee in charge of the work of arranging plans and specifications for the new church will meet next Monday evening and consider the best means of bringing to a rapid and successful finish their labors. The following gentlemen are on the committee: D. McCarthy, W. W. McCurry and Charles Murchison.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, July 9, 1901**

Smelter City News—Catholic Church Will Cost $1500, Contract Let For Construction Of Kewsick's New Edifice.

The contract has been let for the construction of the Catholic Church to the firm of Peterman, Waltz & Hyatt of this city, the contract price is $1500. The contract calls for a frame structure 28 x 70 feet, with a 64-foot steeple, measured from the ground. Construction work will be commenced as soon as possible.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, September 7, 1901**

Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Hill's Hall, Taylor, at 8 o'clock next Sunday morning, and in Redding at 10:30 a.m. on the same day.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, September 11, 1901**

The ladies of the Catholic Church have organized an "Altar Society," and the following officers have been elected: Mrs J. W. Fitzpatrick, president; Mrs. W. Varnum, secretary, and Mrs F. Pratt, treasurer. A meeting will be held in the residence of Mrs. J. W. Fitzpatrick Wednesday afternoon, and the ladies expect a large and enthusiastic gathering.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, September 13, 1901**

With the organization of a Catholic Ladies' Altar Society we may look for something in the line of entertainments soon.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, September 15, 1901**

The Altar Society, recently organized by the Catholic ladies of Keswick, now has a membership of twenty-three. The next meeting will be held in the residence of Mrs. Maurice Flynn.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, September 22, 1901**

The Catholic ladies of Keswick expect to hold a very enjoyable social next Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Pratt. It will be designated a veranda social and will be held on the large veranda that encircles the house. The ladies wish to say that the general public of Keswick is cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, September 22, 1901**

The sky line of Keswick has completely changed during the past year or two. The Catholic Church spire now serves as a land mark and W. Crosby's new windmill also looms up proudly. The old residents will not know the town if changes keep occurring in the future as often as they have in the past.

FREE PRESS **Monday, September 23, 1901**

Keswick New Church Is About Completed—The handsome new Catholic church of Kewick is progressing rapidly to completion. The tower, spire and cross of the edifice looms up high and can be seen for miles on the roads to Redding, Shasta and

Iron Mountain. The *Mountain Miner* says the windows and doors will be in position early next week. The sanctuary and altars will be finished within ten or twelve days. Rev. Father McGrath of Red Bluff was in town this week seeing to the proper sizes and locations of the altars in the sanctuary. The handsome stained glass window reached Keswick yesterday and will be placed over the high altar in a few days. This window is a gift by one of Keswick's most prominent men and is certainly a handsome donation. The citizens of Keswick have just cause to be proud of this new temple of worship, as it is an ornament to the town and also a satisfactory guarantee of the gratuitous subscriptions offered by generous donators toward its erection.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, October 5, 1901**

The Altar Society met Friday afternoon in the residence of Mrs. J. Fitzpatrick and discussed matters pertaining to the society. A fair attendance was in evidence and after the business meeting tea was served. They will meet again next Friday.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, October 6, 1901**

The carpenters have about finished the interior of the new Catholic Church, and now are awaiting for the lumber to build the seats. When complete and furnished the new house of worship will be one of the coziest in Northern California.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, November 9, 1901**

The pews for the Catholic Church are finished and are being put in the church. As soon as the work of putting in the pews is finished the church will be ready for holding services. The Rev. Father McGrath of Red Bluff will celebrate mass in Hill's Hall Sunday at 10 a.m.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, November 15, 1901**

The Catholic Church will be ready to hold services in by the next regular meeting of the members, the second Sunday in the month. By that time the altar will be finished and all the pews installed.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, December 12, 1901**

The Rev. Father McGrath celebrated mass in the new Catholic Church last Sunday. A large congregation was present. They had longed to get into their new building and were delighted when they had the services last Sunday. The handsome rose window of stained glass is in position over the high altar. There is a beautiful emblem of a lamb, with a banner lying upon a book, sealed with seven seals. The figure is taken from the Book of Revelations. The inscription upon the banner is in Latin and reads, "*Ecce Agnus Dei*," "Behold the lamb of God." The design is devotional and is admired by all who see it. The window is a gift to the church. The new altars are ready to be placed in the church. The Rev. Father McGrath is here this week superintending their erection. The main altar is of Gothic design, planned after the high altar in St. James' Church, Chicago, but of course of smaller dimensions. It was built in Red Bluff. The new bell, weighing 786 pounds, is expected here any day. It is now fourteen days on the road from the East. It will be rung for the first time at the midnight mass next Christmas eve. The whole town is enthusiastic, anticipating its midnight music. Like the church, it is to be paid for by subscription.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, December 27, 1901**

Midnight mass was celebrated in the new Catholic Church Christmas Eve. The sweet peals of the new bell for the first time rang forth its message of peace to the people of Keswick. The church was crowded to its fullest capacity. The regular services will hereafter be held in the new edifice.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, January 9, 1902**

Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate Mass in the new Catholic Church at Keswick next Sunday at 8 o'clock a. m., and in Redding at 10:30 on the same morning.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, March 19, 1902**

Smelter City News—Remembered St. Patrick.

The St. Patrick's social given by the ladies and children of the Catholic Church on Monday night was a success in every particular. The hall was crowded. The programme, consisting of music, both vocal and instrumental, recitations, and fancy dancing, was the best ever seen here. Every number of the seventeen were in themselves specialties. The vocal solos of Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Olchesky and Dave Wells were received with encores. The cake-walk given by the little Misses Marguerita Stone and Edna Reid and also the violin solo by little 5-year-old George Hargrove, were received with great enthusiasm by the appreciative audience. After the conclusion of the programme the young and old alike enjoyed the pleasures of the dance until a late hour.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Friday, April 11, 1902**

The Catholic Mission—Father Moran opens a mission in Taylor at 10:30 a.m. next Sunday in the new Catholic church of that town.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, April 18, 1902**

Beautiful Gifts For Keswick Church—Statues, Vases And Candlesticks For The Altar's Adomment.

Mrs. Flynn has just received from the East a beautiful statue of the Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus. The statue was presented to the Catholic Church by the children of the Sunday school. With the statue there came two beautiful cut glass vases, two large altar candlesticks, and some beautiful artificial St. Joseph lilies. The statue stands about four feet and a half in height. In the arms of the Queen of Heaven, for such is the name of the statue, reposes the Child Jesus. For beauty of coloring, expression of features and divine conception it has few equals.

It was made by Maison Raffi of Paris, who is noted for the beautiful works of this class of art.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, April 24, 1902**

Keswick, April 24—Rev. Peter J. Moran, an eloquent Paulist father, will deliver an address on the subject, "The Old Missions of California" in the Catholic church Saturday evening. A sacred concert will be rendered also.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Friday, April 25, 1902**

Father Moran's Lecture—The Rev. Father Moran who gave a mission in this city two weeks ago will deliver a lecture in the new Catholic church in Taylor Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, April 26th, the proceeds to go to the fund for painting the church on the outside.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, May 22, 1902**

The Keswick News—Father McGrath was here Tuesday and Wednesday overseeing the painting of the Catholic Church.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, May 24, 1902**

The Keswick News—The Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate high mass here Sunday. The new choir has been rehearsing special music for the occasion.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, May 30, 1902**

The Keswick News—The painting of the Catholic Church is finished and the building in its new coat presents quite an imposing appearance.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Saturday, June 7, 1902**

Bishop Grace Coming—Rt. Rev. Bishop Grace of Sacramento will celebrate mass and preach at 8 a.m. Sunday in Redding and in Keswick at 10:30 and will dedicate the new church there.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Monday, June 9, 1902**

Keswick Catholics Dedicate New Church—Keswick's new Catholic church was dedicated yesterday, Right Reverend Bishop Thos. Grace of Sacramento preaching the dedicatory sermon. The ceremonies were of the solemn and impressive nature always accompanying the dedication of a Catholic church.

The Right Reverend Bishop again and again expressed his surprise and his delight in seeing such a handsome church, completed so nicely inside and out, in a place so small as Keswick. He pronounced the church the finest one the Catholics have in Northern California. It is finer than the church in Redding, in Red Bluff or in Yreka—all places of much larger population and greater wealth than Keswick.

The church has been christened St. Mary's. To a stranger coming by wagon road from Redding it is the first and most striking building seen in Keswick. It is frame, painted, surmounted by a graceful steeple in which is a sweet-toned bell that announces the hours of worship. Inside the church the furnishings are complete. An elegant altar stands at one end and at the other is the organ loft in which there is a fine organ.

The exercises yesterday were largely attended. The church was crowded. R. R. Dinningan of San Francisco, brother of R. P. Dinnigan of Keswick, came up from the city expressly to sing the offertory. He is a fine singer and acquitted himself creditably and delighted his hearers. Rev. Father McGrath celebrated high mass. Forty communicants were confirmed.

The Catholics of Keswick are to be congratulated now that they have such a fine church— and it is paid for, too. While of course those of the faith have contributed most largely to the expenses of the building, the people of the church desire at this time to acknowledge gratefully large contributions received from those who are not members of the denomination.

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Keswick is listed as a mission of Red Bluff. "Keswick, Shasta Co. Immaculate Conception, *every 2 months"*

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, June 10, 1902**

Dedication Of Catholic Church—The New Edifice Is Consecrated With Impressive Ceremonies.

Sunday morning the ceremony of dedicating the local Catholic Church took place. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Grace, D. D., of Sacramento, and Rev. Father McGrath of Red Bluff performed the impressive services. They arrived from Redding at about 10:30 a.m. A large number of people had congregated in the early morning to witness the dedication, which commenced soon after the arrival of the bishop and the priest.

Seven altar boys dressed in red soutans and neat white surplices preceded the bishop and Father McGrath to the front of the church, where the bishop read the impressive prayers and psalms appropriate for the blessing of the church. He then sprinkled the sides of the holy edifice, both inside and without.

The Rev. Father McGrath sang the high mass, while the bishop, vested in his robes of office, occupied a seat in the sanctuary.

The special music for the occasion was very beautiful. Richard Dinnegan and wife, the leading singers in St. James Church, San Francisco, came here especially for the occasion. They sang the leading parts of the mass. The children's choir sang nicely. Mrs. Charles Mathews of Keswick and Richard Dinnegan and wife of San Francisco sang a very beautiful trio.

The Catholic Church of Keswick is an edifice of which its people are justly proud. It is by far the most beautiful in appearance, most finely appointed, and most comfortable church building in Northern California. It has been but a little over a year since the first dollar toward its building was subscribed. It stands today a monument of beauty and an ornament to the town of Keswick.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Grace left for Sacramento Monday morning. He was accompanied as far as Red Bluff by the Rev. Father McGrath. The bishop made himself dear to the people of Keswick by his eloquent sermon Sunday morning. In his free simplicity of manner his dignity is made more apparent.

The people of Keswick will long hold in memory the pleasant visit of that eminent divine. It was a great honor to have the bishop officiate in the humble church of this place, and the Catholic people are appreciative of the honor thus bestowed.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, June 10, 1902**

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bush Jr. drove to Keswick Sunday and attended the dedication of the new Catholic Church.

From booklet: "Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Colusa, Cal." by Rev. Fr. C. C. McGrath, Pastor 1914

While in Red Bluff, Father McGrath built a large church in the great smelting town of Keswick, and completed it in one year. It was free from debt on the morning of its dedication.

THE FREE PRESS. **Saturday, July 12, 1902**

Rev. J. E. Fitzgerald will celebrate holy mass at Keswick on Sunday at 8 a.m. and at Redding at 10:30 a.m.

THE FREE PRESS **Saturday, October 18, 1902**

Rev. Father Nugent, formerly of Weaverville, now the assistant pastor of the Red Bluff and Redding parish, will celebrate mass in this city at 9 o'clock a.m. Sunday, and in Keswick a 11 o'clock on the same morning. He will hold the evening services at 7 o'clock in Redding.

THE FREE PRESS **Monday, November 3, 1902**

Father Nugent celebrated mass in Keswick Catholic church yesterday. He is the new priest for this district and a brilliant speaker.

THE FREE PRESS **Friday, March 20, 1903**

Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Keswick next Sunday at 8:45 a.m. and in Redding at 10:45 on the same morning. The class preparing for First Holy Communion for Easter will have special instructions.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, November 9, 1907**

Business Heart Of Keswick Burned—Keswick, Nov. 8.—The business center of Keswick was laid waste this morning by a fire that was discovered at 12:40 on the roof of a shed in the rear of L. Mazzini's general merchandise store, northeast corner of North and California streets. The light wind carried the flames eastward, sweeping buildings from both sides of the street as far as school street. The total loss is $45,300. The insurance is very small.

The buildings burned include three hotels and lodging houses, one general merchandise store, livery stable, opera house, four saloons, six dwellings and half a dozen cabins and stables. . . .

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, November 15, 1907**

Keswick Is Not Being Rebuilt—Keswick, Nov. 14.—Keswick is not rising "phoenix like" from its ashes as in the days of old. No one who was burned out last Friday morning thinks of rebuilding during the present uncertain conditions of the copper market and doubt as to what the Mountain Copper Company's plans are for the future. . . .

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Saturday, June 27, 1908**

Keswick Church Is Blown Down By Wind—Attractive Edifice Built By Catholics Is Wrecked In Thursday's Storm.

The fierce windstorm that raged in Redding Thursday night also did great damage in Keswick. The Catholic church was blown down, several barns are in ruins as the result of the terrific gale and the porch was torn from the postoffice building. The few people who are still residing in the old smelter town were frightened very much by the storm. This was the worst storm that ever visited Keswick and for a time it was feared that the entire town would be blown away.

The Catholic church was a strongly built edifice and although unprotected from the storm the news that it had been leveled to the ground came as a great surprise. It was a handsome building and was free from debt. Father Nugent had completely furnished the attractive house of worship when the smelters were closed down.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, June 28, 1908**

Corner of Church off Foundation—High Wind of Thursday Did Some Damage In Keswick.

The high wind of Thursday night blew one corner of the Catholic church in Keswick from its foundation. The building is intact though in a tottering condition. It is a little out of plumb, but will still serve as a house of worship. Repairs can be easily made, putting the church building in as good condition as it ever was.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Monday, June 29, 1908**

Father McGrath Predicted The Downfall—The Keswick Catholic church was built during the pastorate of Rev. C. C. McGrath, who for some years supplied the parish which included Shasta and Tehama counties, and was erected under the supervision of a committee of parishioners who insisted that they should have charge of putting up the building. There was some little dispute between his reverence and the committeemen as to the best way of constructing the edifice and Father McGrath held that the church would blow down at some time because of the faulty construction. His prediction has been verified after seven years and the building now lies on the ground.

Three years ago Father Nugent, who is in charge of the Shasta county parish, called attention of the local Catholics to the fact that the building leaned considerably to the south and it was then braced with iron bars and raised to the perpendicular. The edifice was 80 feet in length and about 30 feet wide; it had a seating capacity of about 250 and was fully equipped, having comfortable pews and a fine bell. It cost about $1800 and could not be duplicated now for $3000 on account of the higher cost of lumber. Father Nugent will probably have the lumber piled up for future use in case the town has a new lease of life.

THE SEARCHLIGHT — Thursday, July 2, 1908

Keswick Church Will Be Propped Up—Father Nugent went to Keswick Tuesday to see the condition of the Keswick Catholic church, which was shifted a bit last week from its foundation.

The building is still standing in a corkscrew position—tilted at one corner and on its foundation at one end.

Father Nugent will have the building propped up so that future high winds can do no further damage. At an expense of $150 the structure could be put in better condition than it was the day it was dedicated. Considering the dark prospects for Keswick, it is doubtful whether the expenditure of $150 for restoration is advisable.

THE SEARCHLIGHT — Friday, June 11, 1909

Tearing Down A Keswick Church—Catholic Edifice Costing $1800 Was On The Point Of Falling Down. (Special to *The Searchlight*.)

Keswick, June 10.—Keswick's Catholic church costing $1800 is being torn down. It was on the point of falling down. One end of the church was lifted from the foundation a couple of years ago by a high wind. The building was wrenched so badly then that it had to be propped up to keep it from falling over.

Father Nugent of Redding has a crew of men at work tearing the church down and saving the building material before it is smashed to pieces in a scrap heap. Considerable good lumber can be saved. This will be taken good care of for the day may come when another church will be built on the same site.

The Keswick Catholic church was dedicated in 1902. At that time it was a finer church than that in Redding.

COURIER—FREE PRESS — Tuesday, February 13, 1912

Anderson To Have A Catholic Church—Old Church In Keswick Will Furnish Much Of The Material.

Father Nugent of Redding, who also ministers to the Catholic flock in Anderson, is almost persuaded to undertake building a small church for that town. Heretofore mass has been celebrated in private residences in Anderson.

Keswick had a fine Catholic church when that flourishing smelter camp fell into decline. The edifice was partially wrecked by a high wind a year or so ago after it was abandoned. To save the material the building was torn down completely. The material has been well cared for—that which has not been stolen—and enough good lumber can be procured there to go a long way toward building the small church that will meet the needs of the Anderson flock.

COURIER—FREE PRESS — Wednesday, September 9, 1914

24 Families Are Left In Town Of Keswick—Keswick, Sept. 9.—Ten years ago this was probably the most thriving mining camp in California, with pretentious hotels and commercial houses and a population of between 2,000 and 3,000 people, including employees of the Mountain Copper company.

Today, according to a count made by a resident who keeps close tab on the ups and downs of the old camp, there are in the neighborhood of but twenty-five families left.

Keswick's decline began with removal of the smelter to tidewater. The war in Europe had little to do with existing conditions, notwithstanding that practical suspension here and at Iron Mountain followed the opening of hostilities.

THE SEARCHLIGHT — Wednesday, July 26, 1922

Old Smelter Town Of Keswick Is Abandoned—Keswick, July 25.—The Mountain Copper company has all but abandoned Keswick. Only four men are still on the

company's payroll here, and they will be discharged soon, or else transferred to Mathewson, the terminal of the aerial tramline from the Hornet mine to the Southern Pacific.

The Postoffice department has been asked to abolish the postoffice at Keswick and establish an office at Mathewson, four miles north. The company requested that the new office be called Mathewson, but the department rejected that name because there is a Mathewson in Colorado. The abbreviations "Cal." for California and "Col." for Colorado are written so much alike the two Mathewsons would be confused.

The Mountain Copper company has abandoned the Iron Mountain railroad. The machine shops have been transferred to the Hornet mine and the locomotives have been sent to Minnesota station, midway between Keswick and Iron Mountain. The locomotives will be stored there, and the only occasion for their use will be when the Iron Mountain mine starts up, if it ever does. Then ore would have to be hauled by rail from the Iron Mountain to a connection at Minnesota with the acrial tramline to Mathewson.

Keswick is dead. The town was founded in 1895. At one time, when the company operated five blast furnaces in the smelter, a thousand men were employed in Keswick. The town had large hotels, thirty saloons, brick store buildings and two or three hundred residences. Now the only business in the town is a boarding house and that is to shut up shop on the first of next month. The population of Keswick in 1900, according to the United Status census, was 1231.

WEEKLY SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, December 8, 1922**

Keswick Is Wiped Off Railroad Map—The town of Keswick is no longer even a railroad station. The Southern Pacific has wiped it off the map. The depot was closed Friday for good and the agent was transferred to Mathewson, the new Mountain Copper company town three miles up the track at the eastern terminal of the tramline from the Hornet mine.

Keswick Depot **(Courtesy Maida Glover Gandy)**

A A U W Plans Home Tour–"Calico Country Tour" is the theme of a house tour and tea from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday sponsored by Red Bluff–Tehama county branch of the American Association of University Women.

All of the houses are in the vicinity of the Ide Adobe and Surrey Village, near Adobe Road, north of Red Bluff. The tour will benefit the branch fellowship and scholarship fund. . . .

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Jacobs, 1755 Adobe Road, former Redding residents, features high arched windows and a stucco exterior, giving it a Spanish flavor. Decorating their low-walled yard are redwood sculptures carved with a chainsaw by artist Kenyon Frazier.

A unique dome-shaped plastered fireplace is a focal point of the sunken living room. Decorating the wall behind it are an old hay rake, part of their collection of farm antiques, and a painting of a Mexican scene.

Two stained glass windows have refinished wood frames that came from St. Mary's Catholic church in Keswick, destroyed in an earthquake October 28, 1909.

NOTE: *The Catholic church in Keswick was damaged in a windstorm June 25, 1908.*

MILLVILLE

Millville is listed in the *Catholic Directory* as a Station of the Red Bluff parish prior to the establishment of the Redding parish.

James K. Carr, whose grandfather settled in Millville in the early days, was asked to tell what he could about the Catholic Church in Millville. He turned the request over to his sister.

From a letter of Katherine Carr Davis **December 17, 1976**

Jim has asked me if I have any information about the Catholic Church in Millville and I told him I would send you what I have, which is actually taken from the book by Father Walsh, *Hallowed Were The Gold Dust Trails*. It is a quotation by our Grandfather Carr. He is speaking of his friend Father Quinn who was pastor at Red Bluff from September 1887 to September 1893:

> "Father Quinn, in endeavoring to contact as many of the faithful as possible, made occasional visits as far away as Millville, forty miles to the northeast in Shasta County. He said Mass in my home, but took occasion during his visit to give a public lecture in the schoolhouse. Father Quinn, being a wonderful orator, filled the schoolhouse with an audience which was totally non-Catholic. In the beginning they thought him an emissary of the devil, and were loath to listen to his lectures, but gradually grew to admire him, his powers of oratory and the doctrines that he propounded."

Other than the fact that the first Masses were said in Grandfather Carr's home with one other family, the Josephs, in attendance, I have no information about the establishment of an actual church.

Redding 1888. The Catholic church is in the center of the picture

(From postcard in Grace Grattan Masterson Collection)

Catholic Church, Redding, California, built in 1884

(Shasta Historical Society)

REDDING

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A Pioneer Mining Family of Shasta County
A term paper by Alice M. Berry
Reference Department, Shasta College Library.

There was no church in either Churntown or Buckeye. Red Bluff had the nearest Catholic parish, and the church at Shasta was called a mission. A priest would come up from Red Bluff periodically to give services. He would get as far as Churntown to say mass once or twice a year. Mass was usually held in either the Mahan home or the Mullee. The coming of the priest meant weddings and baptisms. When the children were old enough to be confirmed, they had to go to Shasta to study. Bishop O'Connell rode mule back from Shasta to Trinity and Siskiyou Counties. Julia Mahan Flanagan remembered him in later years as a delicate little man, hardly the physical type which one would expect to withstand the rigors of such a trip. She also remembered when Father O'Kane came up from Red Bluff in about 1869 or 1870 and married Mary Mullee and Fred Smith in the Mullee home. Father Grace was later to confirm four or five of Julia's own children. He afterwards became Bishop of the Sacramento Diocese.

Mary, the youngest of the Flanagan clan, is still affectionately called "Babe" by her older brothers and sisters. Born May 1, 1905, Father Nugent came to baptize her when she was six weeks old. Renting a horse and buggy from the livery stable in Redding, he drove to Churntown, had supper with the Flanagans and spent the night. In the morning he said mass for their family, two Italian families, one Portuguese family and two old miners, then returning to Redding.

THE COVERED WAGON **1952**

Memoirs Of Buckeye And Vicinity—By Loraine Heath Wiegel.

John Mahan came to Churntown from Wisconsin in 1855 and engaged in placer mining. Then he sent back home for his bride-to-be, Miss Margaret Wallace, who joined him in San Francisco.

They were married August 27th, 1861 in the St. Francis Church out on Columbus Avenue by Rev. Father Peter Magagnotto, C.P.

The Mahans made their home in Churntown for many years. One daughter, Mrs. Julia Flanagan, still resides in Churntown with her sons and her daughter, Miss Margaret Flanagan, who is at present Principal of the Buckeye Elementary School.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 26, 1874**

Church—Father Farrelly desires us to say that there will be Divine service at Reading, at 10 o'clock New Year's Day, which is a holiday of obligation in the Catholic church. Service on Sunday the 3d of January at Shasta.

THE SENTINEL, RED BLUFF **Saturday, October 7, 1876**

Catholic Church—Rev. Father Farelly will celebrate mass, in Reading, to-morrow, Sunday, October 8th, at 10:30 A.M.

On the following Sunday, in Red Bluff.

READING INDEPENDENT **Thursday, February 5, 1880**

The Catholics of Reading have purchased a beautiful site adjoining the railroad track just below town, and intend to build a very nice church, and fence the ground for a cemetery as soon as they get the necessary funds.

READING INDEPENDENT **Thursday, July 1, 1880**

Miss Annie and Master Willie Conroy have returned from Yreka, where they have been attending the Sisters' School.

Letter from Sister Agatha Marie, R. S. M.,
Red Bluff
dated December 7, 1968

Yes, the Sisters of Mercy conducted a school at Yreka from about February 1871 to the fall of 1881. Our chronicle tells us that even before 1881, because of the closing of some of the mines in Yreka, the fewness of Catholics there, and the sparse population of the town, the Sisters had begun to think of making a foundation elsewhere in California.

I know that many pupils came to the Academy at Yreka from as far away as Redding. Your information is correct on that. However, the boarding department was open only to "young ladies" as our chronicle states. But the day-school was open to boys and girls. The young man whose name you mention could have boarded at a private home near the school and thus have attended the day-school. I used to know an old gentleman who, when a boy, attended the Academy in Yreka and was always proud to tell of his young days there.

NOTE: *The above letter is the response to a query whether or not boys attended the Academy in Yreka.*

St. Joseph's Academy, Yreka, California **(Courtesy Father Kieran Mc Mahon)**

READING INDEPENDENT **Thursday, July 22, 1880**

Confirmation—The Right Rev. Bishop O'Connell, of the Catholic church, administered the sacrament of confirmation at the church in Red Bluff, last Sunday. Among the young people who received the sacrament were Master Willie Brady and Misses Mary Elena Atkinson, Mary Sarah Ide, Mary Annie Conroy and Mary Agnes Thompson, of Redding.

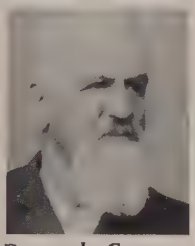
SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 16, 1881**

Notes from Redding—The Catholics have enclosed their grave yard with a neat and substantial fence. The location selected is a fine one.

REDDING INDEPENDENT **Thursday, June 2, 1881**

Consecrated Burial Ground—Last Thursday the new Catholic burying ground was consecrated by Rev. Bishop Monogue of Marysville, assisted by Revs. Hunt of Red Bluff and Haupts of Yreka. McNevin and family and Gartland and family of French Gulch were present, as were also the families of Conroy, Chappell, Scamman, McNeill and others. The ceremony was quite impressive.

Mrs. Bernard Conroy



Bernard Conroy

Old St. Joseph Cemetery, Redding, California, Consecrated May 26, 1881 by Bishop Patrick Manogue
(Photo by Jean Moores Beauchamp)

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 3, 1881**

Our Visit to Red Bluff—. . . Work on the Convent will be commenced in a few days and pushed rapidly ahead. It is expected that it will be completed in about three months, and that the Academy will open on or about January 1st. We noticed Rev. Father Hunt and Dr. Cameron on the street soliciting subscriptions from the business men, all of whom contributed liberally. . . .

REDDING INDEPENDENT **Thursday, December 1, 1881**

Remember the Dead—Yesterday, in company with R. G. Dunn, we visited the new Catholic cemetery. . . . We understand to Messrs. Conroy and Dunn the Catholic portion of our community are indebted for this fine cemetery, as well as for the improvements made thereon.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 5, 1882**

Academy of Our Lady of Mercy—The Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, Red Bluff, will open on Monday, Sept. 4th. The buildings are

new, and commodious, and every attention will be given to the advancement and comfort of pupils. For further particulars apply to:

The Mother Superior
Academy of Our Lady of Mercy
Red Bluff, Cal.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, August 25, 1883**

Rev. Father Hunt will celebrate mass at the Redding hotel to-morrow at 8 a.m.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 12, 1884**

We learn that Rev. Father Hunt, who has charge of the Catholic church at Red Bluff, will erect a church in Redding this spring.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, March 8, 1884**

Catholic Church—A Subscription paper has been circulated in town this week for the erection of a Catholic church. From a rapid glance over the list of subscribers we judge that several hundred dollars has already been subscribed. . . . Mr. Conroy, who heads the list with $100, and who has the matter in charge, informs us that a building costing about $2,000 will be erected, the location being on the flat between the railroad and J. N. Chappell's residence—a conspicuous position surely.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, June 28, 1884**

The Catholics have bought Block 45, and will call on all those that subscribed to build the church, soon after the 4th of July.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, August 23, 1884**

Mr. B. Conroy informs us that the money subscribed to the new Catholic church will soon be collected. The church lot has already been purchased, and the Trustees, Messrs. Conroy, Dunn, McNeill and T. Mullen, propose soon to erect a building which will be of the cottage style of architecture, 30 x 60 feet, with four arched windows on a side, and the building to rest on a brick foundation.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, September 13, 1884**

The committee upon whom devolved the duty of making the collection for the new Catholic church in Redding report good success, and the contract for said building was let last evening to A. J. Bryan of Chico.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, September 27, 1884**

The new Catholic church at this place is progressing rapidly. It will be a neat and pretty structure and a credit to the town.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, October 4, 1884**

The Catholic church is nearing completion, and already presents a fine appearance. Mr. Conroy, one of the Directors, informs us that the people of Shasta have contributed quite liberally to its erection, as have also citizens in other parts of the county.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, October 18, 1884**

The Trustees of the new Catholic church have purchased a large and fine sounding bell from the foundry of Wm. T. Garrett & Co., San Francisco. It will be placed in the belfry of that beautiful new building.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, November 15, 1884**

The new Catholic church has the plastering on inside, and in a few weeks will be ready for seating. It will make quite a neat place of worship.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, January 31, 1885**

Rev. Father McFeeley will celebrate mass in the Catholic church at Redding tomorrow.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, February 7, 1885**

The first service held in the Redding Catholic church was well attended, many being present from Cottonwood, Anderson, and other places. Mrs. Graszier and Miss Lizzie Conroy were around Monday taking subscriptions for a new organ.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, March 28, 1885**

Rev. Father McFeeley will hold divine service in Redding on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, April 17, 1886**

Rev. Father McFeeley will hold mass to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, February 19, 1887**

Rev. Father Callan of Marysville will preach in the Catholic church tomorrow at 10 a.m.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, April 16, 1887**

Father Hunt will celebrate mass in Redding tomorrow.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, September 17, 1887**

Rev. Father C. O'Connor will hold mass tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, February 18, 1888**

Rev. B. McFeely, who formerly presided over the Catholic Church at Redding, is located at San Andreas, Calaveras county.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, March 17, 1888**

Rev. Father Quinn will hold religious services in the Catholic church every other Sunday, commencing March 25th. Country people of the Catholic faith take notice.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, April 6, 1889**

Rev. Father Quinn sends notice that a mission will begin at 11 A. M. to-morrow at the Catholic church. It will be conducted by Father Henneberry and will commence with mass at the hour mentioned and continue for one week.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, April 13, 1889**

The meetings at the Catholic church this week have been well attended. We are pleased to see a boom in religion, if in nothing else.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, May 4, 1889**

To-morrow at 9 o'clock Rev. Father Quinn will celebrate mass in the Catholic church, Redding, and on Sunday, May 12th, confirmation by the Bishop at Red Bluff.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, June 8, 1889**

Mass by Father Quinn in the Catholic church to-morrow morning at the usual hour. Catholics are expected to attend and contribute something towards the fund for the education of priests.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, November 30, 1889**

Father Quinn of Red Bluff passed through Cottonwood last Tuesday for Fall City, where he went to perform a marriage ceremony for Mr. Tim Desmond and Miss Mamie Rose both of Fall City.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, December 7, 1889**

Catholic Fair—The ladies of the Catholic church, assisted by their friends, will give a fair in Major's hall on the 19th and 20th of December, the proceeds to be applied toward paying off the debt of the Catholic church. There will be a fine display of fancy and ornamental work, and dancing each evening. Every pains will be taken to make the fair a success and pleasing to its patrons. The Catholic ladies have not been in the habit of calling upon the public for aid and this is all the better reason why the people should assist them in their worthy efforts to free the church from debt.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, December 21, 1889**

The Catholic Fair—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather Thursday night, the fair given by the Catholic church in Major's hall was fairly attended, especially late in the evening. There were many pleasant things to see, not the least of which were the intelligent and happy faces of the young ladies who had charge of the various booths. The lemonade and candy stand was in charge of Misses Anna Conroy and Jessie Dunn; the booth containing the fancy articles including the elegantly dressed dolls, was further ornamented by the presence of Misses Alice Kies and Mae Helene Bacon and, of course, the gentlemen were inspired to take their chances in winning the various articles put up for raffle. Mrs. L. Altpeter and Miss Rennie Scott looked very nice attired in Japanese costume, and most everyone took a cup of tea that they dispensed with a liberal hand. No sugar was necessary. Mrs. Julia Glaszer and Miss Lizzie Conroy dealt in the substantial things of life such as ham sandwiches, coffee, doughnuts, cake, etc., and their booth was well patronized. Mrs. Chas. McConnell took in the silver at the door and Mrs. Ida Thompson and Mrs. C. L. Warner superintended the fish ponds, much to the delight of the youthful attendants of the fair. About 9 o'clock Mrs. Altpeter presided at the piano, playing many choice selections, and a half hour later J. F. Schilling, Wm. Campbell and Dave Chambers, as burnt cork artists, amused those present. This trio furnished some good music on the banjo, guitar and mandolin, and pleased the assemblage by their jokes, costumes and eccentric actions. After the performance, the hall was cleared for dancing.

On Friday night there was a better crowd in attendance. The different articles were raffled off, full particulars of which will be given next week.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, December 28, 1889**

Catholic Fair—This fair, which was held two nights in Major's hall, met with good success, when the wet weather and muddy streets are taken into consideration. The different methods of obtaining money with which to liquidate the church debt proved successful, and we heard it stated that a sum in the neighborhood of $400 was collected, and certainly the expense will not be a great deal. The following is a list of articles won by raffle and the names of persons winning them: Carriage afghan, Miss Jennie McDonald, Shasta; large doll, Mrs. T. Murray, French Gulch; small doll, Miss Lizzie Conroy; piano scarf, James McNeil; table scarf, Chas. McConnell Jr.; lady's crochet shawl, Mrs. R. G. Dunn; lady's dressing case, H. R. Bemis; ring in cake, Ben Conroy; plush kerchief case, Mrs. Robinson; box of cigars, A. B. Conroy; fancy silk tidy, Geo. McConnell; buggy whip, W. Rutherford; hanging lamp, V. Higgins; silk pillow shams, Mrs. Fred Grotefend; box of cigars, A. L. Veuve; gold-headed silk umbrella, for the most popular gentleman in Redding, won by A. F. Ross.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, December 20, 1890**

Rev. Father Quinn will hold mass Christmas morning in the Catholic church.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, January 31, 1891**

The Catholic church lot has been fenced.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, April 11, 1891**

Miss Coughlin, sister of Dan Coughlin, deceased, has gone to Red Bluff to attend the Sisters' convent.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, April 18, 1891**

Redding will soon have four church buildings. Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists, who think of coming this way will find congenial society.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, May 9, 1891**

Rev. Father Quinn will celebrate mass in the Catholic church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, at which time a collection will be taken up for the benefit of the seminaries.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, July 18, 1891**

The Right Rev. Bishop Monogue was here last Sabbath and confirmed twenty-one persons in the Catholic faith, who passed a satisfactory examination. Prior thereto a number of infants also were baptized.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 20, 1892**

The Catholic ladies of Redding will hold a fair some time in October.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, October 8, 1892**

Rev. Father Quinn will celebrate mass in Shasta to-morrow at 9 A.M., and in Redding at 11 A.M. A collection for the holy father will be taken up.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, January 7, 1893**

Mass will be held in the Catholic church at 10:30 o'clock on Sunday morning by Father Carmody.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, November 11, 1893**

Rev. Father Quinn will occupy the pulpit in the Catholic church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, November 10, 1894**

Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Shasta to-morrow at 8 o'clock and in Redding at 10:30 o'clock.

FREE PRESS **Saturday, April 20, 1895**

Appropriate Easter services were observed in the churches last Sunday. . . . At the Catholic church several grand anthems were sung by the choir consisting of Judge Sweeny, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Sweeny and Mrs. Gillespie.

FREE PRESS **Saturday, September 7, 1895**

Rev. Father Quinn, formerly of Red Bluff and Redding, has been appointed to the rectorship of the Catholic church at Auburn, Placer county.

FREE PRESS **Saturday, September 28, 1895**

Father Quinn, who was appointed to the Catholic church at Auburn, has decided on account of his health, not to make a change, and will remain in Yreka.

FREE PRESS **Saturday, October 12, 1895**

Rev. Father McGrath of Red Bluff is here this week attending to some improvements to the inside of the Catholic church building. He holds services every morning at 7:30 o'clock, and will celebrate mass Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, March 19, 1896**

The Catholic Mission—The Rev. Father Hedges, of the Paulist house, San Francisco, gave a very successful mission in the Catholic church in this city this week. It was opened by Rev. Father Doherty last Sunday and continued by Father Hedges.

Father Doherty went to Red Bluff and carried out a mission in that city.

Both priests are able men, and in the first class of pulpit orators. The church in Redding was filled to the doors both morning and evening during the mission. Rev. Father McGrath assisted the San Francisco priests during the week. . . .

The people, who attended the mission, both Catholics and non-Catholic alike, have nothing but words of praise of the highest order for the reverend fathers of San Francisco. The two Paulist missionary priests have engagements to fill for over one year in advance.

THE WEEKLY SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 26, 1896**

There was a picnic given by the members of the Catholic church at Clear Creek to-day and among those who attended we noticed the following named: Rev. McGrath, Mrs. John Spellman and daughters, Mrs. Jas. Spellman and children, Mrs. R. G. Dunn and Miss Jessie Dunn, Mrs. Jack Schilling and children, Mrs. H. Kern, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kenney and children, Mrs. Weil and daughter, Mrs. Chas. McConnell, Mrs. Vedder and children, Dave Fleming and Doc Garvin.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Tuesday, May 26, 1896**

The Catholics of this city gave a picnic at Clear Creek Tuesday. There were about seventy present from this city and a number from Anderson and Red Bluff. A full account of the day's pleasure will be published in this valuable journal to-morrow.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Wednesday, May 27, 1896**

Catholic Picnic—The picnic held by the ladies of the Catholic church of this city Tuesday afternoon in Mullen's grove, four miles from town, was a success. A number went down on the local train and those from neighboring villages and homes went to the grounds in various conveyances.

A very interesting programme was prepared by Father McGrath, who acted as president of the day, and the children delivered their recitations with taste, grace and animation.

Master Raymond Mullen welcomed the guests with an appropriate and well-rendered speech.

The forenoon was occupied with footracing and interesting games, the exercise making enjoyable the excellent dinner prepared for the children and set before them on a table eighty feet long. Over 100 little hungry mouths sat down and were waited upon by the mothers and grown sisters, the grown people falling in line soon afterward.

The literary exercises commenced at 2 o'clock and were opened with an address by Francis Carr. He spoke with much feeling and pathos and the many good points of his address were frequently applauded.

Among those who took part and deserve special mention was Mrs. E. W. Kenney, who robed "The Sister of Charity" in the silken garments of Gerald Griffin's poem with

grace and tact. She merited the applause so gladly showered upon her.

The Robinson and Wagnon children and Fanny Bartosh did themselves credit in the parts they took in the exercises, and E. W. Kenney was especially interesting in "A Trip to Europe" taking his audience with him. He went in a special chartered yacht, calling on old Ireland on his way, enjoyed the blue waters of the Mediterranean, visited the Holy Land, but had no use for the Mohamedan, who now desecrates the sacred places once consecrated by the footsteps of the Redeemer. He carried his hearers with him to many beautiful and sublime scenes on the banks of the Tiber, and when he had finished the children presented him with a bouquet of choice flowers.

And the exercises were not devoid of music. "The Star Spangled Banner," "Red, White and Blue," and other grand patriotic anthems were sung with a will and a spirit that would do honor to the "Army of the Potomac." Mr. and Mrs. Kenney sang a few choice duets. Mr. and Mrs. Wagnon gave a few selections on the violin and mandolin, and a German song by a trio of male voices—Messrs. Steineker, Seibert and Kenney—with a half dozen females voices in the chorus, was a choice number. The juveniles rendered their parts with special gusto, causing smiles to illumine the faces of their aged parents and friends. Miss Jessie Dunn presided at the piano during the exercises and right well did she fill the position.

Mrs. Thomas Mullen, the hostess, was around early and late waiting upon her guests. She slighted no one and all appreciated her efforts.

R. G. Dunn, Wells-Fargo agent, and E. W. Kenney, were generous in awarding prizes to the various contestants in the games and races.

The first prize in the bicycle contest was won by Willie Carr. Mrs. John Spelman won first prize in the fat people's race and Mrs. Kenney the booby prize. In the married ladies' race Mrs. Schilling secured first prize.

The prizes offered in the juvenile races were won by Earnest Robinson, Jerome McNeill, W. Oliver, Joseph Wagnon and Chester Jose.

Those who took part in the excersies, not above mentioned, were Louisa Wagnon, Carl Robinson, Anna Mullen, Irene Spelman, Ida Kenney, Eugene Robinson, Chester Jose, Mary McDermott, Oscar Robinson, Andrew and James Cusick, Josie McNeill, Ralph Dunn, Frances McNeill, Stephen Roycroft, J. Robinson, Anna McNeill, Charlotte Wagnon, Maggie Cusick, Mary Cusick and Carrie Neilson.

The occasion will be long remembered by all who were present.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Tuesday, December 15, 1896**

Will Interest Catholics—The following note was read from the altar of the Catholic church, Redding, last Sunday, by the Rev. Father McGrath:

My Dear Friends: At the great feasts of Christmas and Easter Catholic congregations manifest their esteem and good will toward their pastors by contributing liberally to their support in those days. It is the proud boast of the Catholic church in the United States that all her priests and bishops serve the spiritual wants of their devoted people without pay or salary. The people on the other hand, remembering the kind services of their pastors, especially at Christmas and Easter, cheerfully give, according to their means, contributions for their maintenance. In accordance with custom and practice a subscription list will be passed around among the congregation and whatever sum you are pleased to contribute will be thankfully received.

(Rev.) C. C. McGrath

DAILY FREE PRESS **Tuesday, January 12, 1897**

They Sang High Mass—Last Sunday the Catholic church of Redding was crowded from door to altar at the morning services. The choir was composed of Major J. F. Lyons as bass; Mrs. Judge Sweeny, soprano; Miss Imogene Hooker, 2d soprano; Mrs. W. J. Gillespie, alto; Miss Jessie Dunn, organist. The separate parts of the high mass

were beautifully rendered by each soloist, and the large congregation were more than delighted with the efforts of the choir in singing the difficult music of the mass in so able a manner. The choir was congratulated often on their way home from the church, and they deserved all the kind words spoken in their behalf. At the evening services a large number were present and the choir was also on hand and sang the Vesper hymns with great credit to itself and edification to the congregation. Rev. Father McGrath spoke at the morning and evening services.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Monday March 8, 1897**

Rev. Father McGrath of Red Bluff stopped over here Saturday night on his return from Whitmore, where he conducted the funeral services of Edward Dailey.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Monday, May 17, 1897**

Right Rev. Bishop Grace—Right Rev. Bishop Grace of Sacramento has been pretty busy for the past week visiting the Catholic congregations throughout the counties of Tehama and Shasta and conferring the sacrament of confirmation upon a large number of children and adults.

Last Sunday he celebrated mass in Redding at 8 o'clock a.m. At the 10:30 mass he preached an eloquent sermon upon the necessity of the reception of the sacraments, and administered confirmation immediately after and gave a special instruction to those whom he confirmed. In the evening of the same day he preached upon the precepts of the church to a large audience who were delighted to hear him speak.

At the last mass in the morning the church was crowded, hallways, aisles and the front of the church were filled to overflowing. Many stood at the windows outside the church to hear him.

The church was handsomely decorated and the choir, which was composed of some of the best talent of Redding, rendered the different parts of the mass in fine style. Miss Anna Lyons presided at the organ, Mrs. Judge Sweeny was soprano, Mrs. Gillespie of the Depot hotel, alto; Major Lyons, bass and Mr. Orr of the Postal Telegraph office, tenor. Mrs. Sweeny sang a grand solo at vespers, the "*O! Salutaris*," with pleasing effect. . . .—*R. B. News.*

WEEKLY FREE PRESS **Saturday, September 11, 1897**

A fire broke out in the tall grass in the Catholic cemetery about 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon and for a time threatened to destroy the fence surrounding the tract. The tall grass and dry brush burned fiercely, and all that could be done was to prevent the fire from reaching the grave stones.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Tuesday, September 21, 1897**

An anniversary requiem mass was celebrated in this city Monday morning by Rev. Father McGrath, for the repose of Francis Carr, who died one year ago that day.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Saturday, September 25, 1897**

Gone East To Marry—R. M. Saeltzer, managing owner of the McCormick-Saeltzer company, took the overland train Friday night for San Francisco where he will spend a few days with his sons, Ralph and Dudley before going to Chicago, Illinois, where he will be married on Wednesday, October 6th, to Miss Jennie Corrigan, niece of the late Martin Corrigan of Red Bluff. Miss Corrigan spent several months with relatives in Red Bluff last winter and also visited friends in this city.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, October 21, 1897**

All of the property in Shasta county belonging to the Roman Catholic church and held by Patrick William Riordan, archbishop of San Francisco, as trustee of Patrick

Monogue, the late bishop of the Sacramento diocese, has been transferred to Bishop Thomas Grace, who succeeded Bishop Monogue.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Friday, January 7, 1898**

Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Redding next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and on the evening of the same day, Father Legio will open a mission which will last about a week. Father Legio is a scholar and a gentleman of culture and intelligence. He came from Santa Clara college and has been very successful in mission work.

THE WEEKLY SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, January 18, 1898**

Father Leggio, who has been in this city since Sunday returned Thursday evening to Santa Clara College to resume his professorship in that institution. Father Leggio is a exceedingly well educated man, speaking fifteen modern languages.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Saturday, March 12, 1898**

Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Redding Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The usual collection for the Negro and Indian missions will be taken up at the morning services.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Tuesday, June 14, 1898**

The Sunday School of the Catholic Church of this city enjoyed a picnic at the Mullen farm near Clear Creek Tuesday. A large number of the members of the church and Sunday School and their friends attended.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Saturday, November 12, 1898**

Rev. W. E. Hopper, the Paulist Father who is to give a series of lectures at Armory Hall Monday evening, was an arrival here Saturday. He will conduct services in the Catholic Church Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Wednesday, November 16, 1898**

Catholic Missionary Work—The lectures by Rev. W. E. Hopper, the Paulist Father, are being well attended. The second of a series of five was given Tuesday evening. The gentleman is of pleasing address and his remarks are listened to with attention. The church choirs of different denominations furnish music each evening. Tuesday evening the choir of the Methodist Church performed that service and to-night that of the Baptist Church will furnish the music.

Through the question box placed at the door much information regarding beliefs upon which the Catholic Church is founded has been brought to light. The subject of the reverend gentleman's lecture Tuesday evening was, "The Bible and the Church."

THE MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 22, 1898**

Mrs. R. M. Saeltzer, Miss Minnie Baltzell and Miss Jessie Dunn, constituting the committee on music for the recent non-Catholic Mission desire to return thanks to those who so willingly contributed to each evening's programme.

THE MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, November 23, 1898**

The St. Elizabeth Society of the Catholic Church will hold a meeting at the residence of Mrs. Francis Carr on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

THE MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, February 16, 1899**

A Yreka Priest Advanced—Rev. Father Quinn, of Yreka, Siskiyou county, one of the oldest and best known priests of Northern California, has been selected to act as parish priest in this city, succeeding the late Father Walsh, says the *Sacramento Bee* of

Tuesday. Father Quinn is a man of fine presence and an able and eloquent pulpit orator. It will be remembered by many that he delivered the oration at the funeral of the late Bishop Manogue. Father Quinn will begin his duties in Sacramento in a very short time.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, March 9, 1899**

Church Improvement—Rev. Father McGrath is up from Red Bluff this week, and has a number of men building a large sacristy in the rear of the Catholic Church. It will be completed this coming week. The church will receive two coats of paint and the cross of the tower will be gilded with gold leaf.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Tuesday, March 21, 1899**

The Catholic Church is receiving a coat of white paint with pink trimmings. James Meade is doing the work.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Monday, May 15, 1899**

Some thief entered the Catholic Church Sunday night and made off with a silver chalice valued at $25. His depredations would have extended further, but he was discovered and frightened away by Father McGrath, who was sleeping in the church.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, June 8, 1899**

Mass by Father Quinn in the Catholic church to-morrow morning at the usual hour. Catholics are expected to attend and contribute something towards the fund for the education of priests.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, October 5, 1899**

Will Celebrate Mass—Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Redding next Sunday at the usual hour—10:30 a.m. and in Keswick at 8 o'clock the same morning. The collection ordered by the bishop of Sacramento for the orphans will be taken up immediately after mass on that day.

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, October 8, 1899**

Frank Joseph and family arrived here Saturday evening from their home beyond Millville to attend mass at the Catholic Church this morning.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Saturday, October 28, 1899**

Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Redding at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday next the feast of All Saints which is a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church. Tuesday the 31st instant is a fast day being the vigil of All Saints.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Wednesday, March 28, 1900**

The St. Elizabeth Sewing Society will meet at the Catholic church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock to transact business of importance.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Friday, June 15, 1900**

League Of Cross Cadets—Redding has a fully organized company of League of the Cross Cadets. Three weeks ago Albert J. Allie, as organizer, came to this city for the purpose of interesting boys in the matter. The result of Mr. Allie's efforts is a company now numbering forty lads who range from 15 to 19 years in age.

The boys have been drilled every evening in front of the Catholic church, but hereafter they will probably drill from sundown until dark on the depot grounds.

Thursday evening the company elected officers, Albert Allie remaining as captain. The non-commissioned officers are as follows: First sergeant, James McNeill; first duty

sergeant, William Murphy; corporal, Ben Oliver; second corporal, Roy Metz; musicians, William Ziem and John Bartosh.

Captain Allie expects to remain for six months or more to drill the cadets. The company is an adjunct of the Catholic church and the church will furnish uniforms for the boys. After that each cadet pays dues into a fund which supplies the company equipment.

It is the purpose to establish a gymnasium for the boys and when they become expert in drilling and are uniformed, frequent public exhibitions will be given.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Friday, April 12, 1901**

Rev. Father McGrath returned Thursday from Burney, where he had gone to attend the death bed of the late Mrs. Anna Littrell. He was accompanied down by Mrs. J. J. Littrell.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Friday, April 12, 1901**

Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Redding next Sunday at 9 o'clock a.m. Redding's special choir will sing at the services, the music appropriate for Easter. Divine services will be held at Taylor at 11 o'clock on the same morning.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, April 25, 1901**

Preparing For Confirmation—There will be services in the Catholic church on Sunday, the 5th of May, in Redding at 8 o'clock and also at 10:30 a.m. on the same morning.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Grace of Sacramento will celebrate the 8 o'clock mass and the Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate the 10:30 mass which will be sung by Redding's special choir. The Rt. Rev. Bishop will preach at the last mass, and also administer the sacrament of confirmation to a large class of children and adults immediately after the high mass. The children preparing for confirmation are expected to study the several parts assigned them so they may be able to pass a creditable examination when the bishop comes. The examination will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 4th, and also on Sunday morning, May 5th.

FREE PRESS **Monday, May 6, 1901**

Forty Confirmed—Bishop Grace Holds a Memorable Service in Redding.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Grace of Sacramento held services in the Catholic church in this city on Sunday last and preached an able sermon on the divinity of Christ to a large congregation after the high mass in the forenoon, and confirmed a class of forty who were prepared for the sacrament immediately after the services. In the evening he spoke upon the claim the Catholic church has upon Christian nations.

The singing by the special choir was par-excellence, the best ever rendered within the walls of the Catholic church in Redding. Mrs. Sweeney's solo parts were finely executed and certainly well appreciated. Mrs. Gillespie filled her part with credit to herself and edification to all who heard her. Mrs. Moody sang her special part well and the "Ave Maria" at the offertory. T. J. Brady's voice was at its best and he sang finely. The organist, Miss Jessie Dunn, put her soul into the music and aided the choir by her knowledge of the music, which is often very difficult and requires attention and practice in its rendition.

The Bishop was pleased and surprised to find Catholic church music so finely executed in Redding. He left Monday morning for Sacramento. He goes with the best wishes of his flock in Redding and has left a deep impression. Father McGrath sang the high mass at 10:30 a.m. in Redding. He went to Keswick Monday.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Saturday, August 31, 1901**

Rev. J. F. Quinn, who formerly presided in the Catholic church of Redding, but now of Sacramento, came up Friday evening and left Saturday morning for Weaverville, where he will hold services.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Saturday, April 5, 1902**

Rev. Father Moran of the Paulist missionaries of San Francisco will open a mission in the Catholic church, Redding, on Sunday morning at the 10:30 o'clock mass. He is a fine speaker and will satisfy and repay his hearers for their trouble in coming. There is no admission fee, no collection, no reserved seats, the "first come first seat." All are cordially invited.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Saturday, April 26, 1902**

The ladies of the Catholic church started an Altar Society last Sunday and ladies of the church are requested to attend a meeting Sunday, April 27th at 10 a.m. at the church to perfect the organization and enroll themselves as members.

FREE PRESS **Saturday, October 18, 1902**

Rev. Father Nugent, formerly of Weaverville, now the assistant pastor of the Red Bluff and Redding parish, will celebrate mass in this city at 9 o'clock a.m. Sunday, and in Keswick at 11 o'clock on the same morning. He will hold the evening services at 7 o'clock in Redding.

FREE PRESS **Wednesday, March 11, 1903**

Lenten Services—The Lenten service at the Catholic church will be held this (Wednesday) evening, at 7:15 o'clock. Rev. Father Ramm of the Cathedral of San Francisco, will preach. Rev. Father McGrath will celebrate mass in Redding next Sunday at 9 o'clock a.m. and in Keswick at 11 o'clock on the same morning.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, March 26, 1903**

The new fence enclosing the Catholic church is nearly completed.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Tuesday, April 28, 1903**

Rev. Father Nugent, priest in charge of the new Shasta county diocese of the Catholic church, has arrived from Red Bluff and taken up his residence in this city.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

1903-1913

REV. THOMAS NUGENT, PASTOR

The following account of the early years of St. Joseph parish was written by hand, most likely by Father Nugent, on pages 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of Register of Baptisms, September 1, 1907—April 7, 1921, *St. Joseph Church, Redding, California.*

REDDING. In the spring of 1903 the Red Bluff parish was divided, Rev. C. C. McGrath being pastor, and the northern portion, comprising nearly all of Shasta Co. was made a separate parish, with Rev. T. Nugent as pastor. Redding was the principal mission, having about 70 communicants, the church, a frame building 52x26, being situated on the land now covered by the Zeis Ice works. The outside missions were Anderson having Mass occasionally on a week day in a private house—the Roycroft hotel—a half dozen attending; Shasta attended once a month, about 10 people hearing Mass in Mrs. Litsch's residence; Keswick with a new church and a congregation of 50 or 60; Delta, Castella, Whitmore, Burney Valley, each attended a few times a year and having congregations varying from 5 or 6 to 20, mass being in school or private dwellings. The pastor lived in the sacristy of Redding church, a room 12x14, taking his meals in hotels. After about a year a fair was held in the Jaegel new building the week before Xmas realizing about $1450.00. A committee—Jim McNeil, Ed Kenny and J. Hofer—canvassed the town in the interest of a new church with enough success to warrant the building of a more imposing edifice. The old church property was sold for $1250.00 and the present location purchased for $1000.00. The new church 80x40 was begun in July, Frank Scammon being the builder, and dedicated the following April by Bishop Grace, Fr. Huesges singing the Mass, Frs. Brady and Fisher deacon and sub-deacon, the Bishop preaching in the morning and administering Confirmation, Fr. Brady being the speaker in the evening. In the following September the old church was moved to the rear of the new church and fitted up as a parochial residence. During Passion Week, 1906, a mission was given in Redding by Rev. W. Hopper, C. S. P., 74 making the mission, same result as that of a mission given four years earlier by Father Moran of the same order. On July 28, 1907,*dies irae, dies illa,* the church and priest's residence were destroyed by a fire that caused a loss to Redding of $80000.00. Most of the vestments, some of the statues were saved, all else in church and house being lost. The pastor was in Castella giving Mass to the people there. The fire started at 2 P. M. in a house across the street south of the church, and after burning three houses swept across the street northward, and soon church and house were in ruins. No one tried to save anything from the priest's residence. For some months Sunday Mass was in school houses and finally in the City Hall until the present residence was built, the lower floor of which was fitted up as a temporary church and occupied Dec. 1907. An insurance of $4000.00 on church and house was a great help towards rebuilding. The pastor lived upstairs. For a few months Father Taverna served as assistant, also cooking, but was transferred to

Placerville in the spring of 1908. In this year the congregation decided to build another church, Fr. Carr, Wm. Harrington and J. Hofer canvassing the town for subscriptions. In Dec. 1908 work was begun on the foundation, and the exterior of the church erected by following June. The church was ready for dedication in April 1910. Fr. Carr sang the Mass, Bishop Grace preached, Fr. Carr being the speaker at the evening devotions. The new church was practically out of debt.

SHASTA. Through the efforts of Miss L. Litsch a neat chapel costing about $1100.00 was built in Shasta and blessed by Bishop Grace the day following the dedication of the Redding church. The congregation consists of about 10 souls. They have Mass at 8:30 o'clock the 2nd Sunday of every month.

KESWICK. In 1902 a labor strike broke up this mission, so that it began steadily to decay. In 1904 the smelter was removed to Martinez and the town was deserted. In July 1908 a windstorm demolished the church. To save the lumber the building was taken down at an expense of $100.00. The ceiling was hauled to Redding, and used in new church. The bell, pews and altar were also brought to Redding, and the balance of the lumber stacked up as well as could be done.

KENNETT. In 1904 the town of Kennett began to grow, owing to the new smelter being located there. Mass was said in the residence of Mr. Stone, later in the homes of Mrs. Zeis and Mrs. Leclair. In the fall of 1906 a small church 40x24 was built and paid for. They have service twice a month.

DELAMAR. A priest attended this town from Redding in 1903, Mass being held in the school house five or six times a year. The town was abandoned in 1910. Only about a dozen Catholics attended Mass.

DELTA. The section house here was used for Mass a few times a year until 1908, when the last of the Catholics died or went away. In later years only 3 or 4 were at mass.

CASTELLA. Mass was given in the school house a few times a year to the four families of this place. In the fall of 1911 Fr. Carr of Dunsmuir undertook to attend Castella, as it is much nearer to him than to Redding.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, April 21, 1903**

Shasta County A Catholic Diocese—In compliance with a petition, Bishop Grace of Sacramento has formed a new diocese of the Catholic faith to consist of Shasta County. Rev. Father Nugent has been appointed its priest, with headquarters in Redding.

This diocese, as it has existed for years, consisted of Tehama and Shasta counties. Rev. Father McGrath was in charge with headquarters at Red Bluff. Father Nugent was his assistant.

Now comes the order establishing a separate diocese of Shasta County, with Rev. Nugent as priest.

Rev. McGrath preached his farewell sermon Sunday.

The members of the church here are now considering the construction of a dwelling for the priest. A new church is also among the possibilities.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Tuesday, April 28, 1903**

Rev. Father Nugent, priest in charge of the new Shasta county diocese of the Catholic church, has arrived from Red Bluff and taken up his residence in this city.

FREE PRESS **Saturday, May 2, 1903**

Catholic Services—Mass on first and third Sundays of month at 9 a.m. and on second and fourth Sundays at 10:45 a.m. Evening devotions Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

FREE PRESS **Saturday, May 23, 1903**

Catholic Services—Rev. Father Nugent will celebrate mass at 10:30. Rosewig's mass will be rendered by a choir composed of Mrs. Moody, Mr. Roxby, T. J. Brady and Charles Ellsworth. Offertory by Joe V. Sweeny.

THE FREE PRESS **Wednesday, July 8, 1903**

Father Nugent went to Anderson Wednesday morning on the 10:30 train.

THE FREE PRESS **Saturday, July 11, 1903**

Father Nugent went to Harrison Gulch Saturday morning.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 13, 1903**

Catholic Ladies Will Hold A Fair—It Will Be To Raise Money For The Betterment Of Church Property.

The ladies of the Catholic Church have decided to hold a fair in Redding on the evening of December 21, 22 and 23.

If their efforts meet with the success they hope for it, it is probable the present church building will be replaced by a larger and more modern structure that will be an ornament to the town. If the results will not justify this expenditure, the old building will be renovated and a residence built for the priest.

In any case, if failure should come, the ladies are determined that the fault will not be theirs.

THE FREE PRESS **Wednesday, October 21, 1903**

New Church For Catholics—The Catholics of Redding are to have a handsome new house of worship. The present Catholic church, that has been in service for nearly a quarter of a century, is to be torn down and a handsome new modern church building erected on the lot.

At a meeting held last Sunday Father Nugent, priest in charge of the Catholic church, presented the matter to his flock and it was definitely decided to proceed at once and make preparations for the new church building.

In a few minutes over $500 was subscribed by three or four members of the church. Other donations have been promised, and at a meeting to be held next Sunday evening further action will be taken in the matter.

It is proposed to erect a church building that will cost between $4000 and $5000 and one that will be larger, more imposing and in every way better than the building now in use. It is believed that in six months time the new structure will be ready for occupancy.

The present church was erected over twenty years ago at a total cost of about $3000. The building is now entirely too small.

THE FREE PRESS **Tuesday, October 27, 1903**

Over $1200 In Building Fund—The building fund of the new Catholic church is now over $1200. This money has all been raised by voluntary subscriptions. Sunday, the 18th of October, Father Nugent brought the matter of building a new church to replace the old one now used before his flock and $500 was quickly subscribed toward the building fund. Sunday, October 25th, that sum was swelled to over $1200.

Father Nugent stated Monday morning that the work on the new church would not begin until the early or middle part of next spring. It is the intention of those having the matter in charge to have enough money in the fund to build the structure before the work is commenced. The new building will be modern in every detail and will cost nearly $5000.

It is proposed now that the matter is fairly started to build a home on the premises for the priest.

On December 21st, 22d, and 23d the ladies of the Catholic church will give a fair and carnival. The money raised will go into the church building fund. The ladies who have the matter in charge will meet and at that time complete the arrangements for the three days' fair.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 17, 1903**

Money For the New Church—J. J. McNeill and E. W. Kenney were circulating a subscription paper yesterday towards raising funds for the proposed new church of the Catholic faith in Redding. The amount so far secured in $1200. The sum desired to be raised is $4000.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 24, 1903**

Two handsome quilts which were donated by Mrs. Ellen Oliver to the Catholic Church fair to be held in December are now on exhibition and form a part of the beautiful display in the show windows of the Shasta Clothing Company. They will be raffled off at the fair.

THE FREE PRESS **Thursday, December 10, 1903**

Christmas trees, plants, jellies, fruit cakes, fancy work, dolls, for sale at Catholic Fair, December 17, 18, and 19, 1903.

THE FREE PRESS **Monday, December 14, 1903**

Progressive whist at Catholic Fair December 17, 18, and 19. Prizes at the end of the series. Jaegel building, Redding.

THE FREE PRESS **Wednesday, December 16, 1903**

Preparing For Catholic Fair—Small Army of People At Work In The Big Jaegel Building. Carpenters, electricians and a small army of energetic and enthusiastic ladies are working night and day evolving order out of chaos to have it in readiness for Thursday night, December 17th, the opening night of the Catholic fair.

The splendid building lends itself admirably to the decorator's skill and everything is being done by willing and expert workers to prepare a place where their friends and the public generally can feel perfectly at home and gratify their tastes for the picturesque and beautiful. Incidentally, of course, the Catholic ladies hope to add a substantial sum to their church building fund, their ambition being not only to deserve, but to achieve success.

The following are the booths and the names of the ladies in charge:

Fancy Work Booth—Mrs. R. M. Saeltzer, Miss Lizzie Corrigan, Mrs. R. Collins, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Rafferty, Misses Tessie Coughlin and Annie Lyons.

Pillow Booth—Mrs. C. C. Bush, Jr., Mrs. J. Leveck, Mrs. E. Kenney.

Candy Booth—Misses Tessie Carr, Mary Rohm, Sadie McGorvin, Donna Dennis.

Cake Booth—Misses Anna and Agnes McNeill.

Ice Cream—Mrs. Lever, Misses Louisa Hoefer, Ida Kenney.

Fortune-teller's Booth—Miss Kate Smith

Country Store—Mrs. J. Hoefer.

Refreshment Table—Mesdames Oliver, Mullen, Minear.

Flower Booth—Mrs. and Miss Vedder.

Fish Pond—The Misses Joseph

There will be an indoor lawn on which the refreshments will be served.

Each booth is built and decorated appropriate to the articles to be sold in it.

There will be Christmas trees for sale and on the handsomely decorated bandstand the Woodmen band will give a concert each evening. Besides, there will be a program of vocal and instrumental music.

On Friday and Saturday afternoons the fair will be open for the benefit of the children.

On Saturday H. Marett will donate to the fund the proceeds of his soda fountain.

There will be an oyster supper served Friday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock.

The closing night, Saturday, there will be a special auction of all articles unsold and the drawing of the raffle tickets.

THE FREE PRESS **Wednesday, December 16, 1903**

An oyster supper will be served at the Fair on Friday night at 6 o'clock. 35 cents a plate.

THE FREE PRESS **Thursday, December 17, 1903**

The Catholic fair opens tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Ten cents admission.

THE FREE PRESS **Monday, December 21, 1903**

The Catholic Fair—Nearly $1100 was cleared by the ladies of the Catholic church by the Catholic fair held last week. The closing night there was a large attendance, but much stuff was left unsold. Miss Tessie Coughlin was declared the most popular lady. R. G. Dunn won the pair of pants donated by Otto Johnson. Mrs. George Hume won the newspaper holder. Mrs. Jas. Hoyle won a handsome lace handkerchief. Mrs. E. W. Kenney won the lace collar, Eddie Lee captured the rose pillow, Mrs. R. M. Saeltzer won a handsome tea cloth, Father Nugent won the burnt wood plaque, W. J. Hannon captured the smoking jacket, Mrs. Phillips won a handsome rose centerpiece, Ella Miles won a pair of opera glasses and the suit of clothes donated by Charles Piftschek was won by No. 73 B.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, January 24, 1904**

Catholic Fair Netted $1360—The Catholic ladies who conducted the fair during the holiday week for the benefit of the church building fund have got in complete returns of the enterprise. They report that the gross receipts were $1475 and the expenses amounted to $75, leaving a new profit of $1360. This is considerably larger than had been counted on at the time the fair closed.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, February 18, 1904**

For the Catholic Church—Thomas G. Thrum of Honolulu has sold to John O'Keefe, for $1000, lots 13 and 14 of block 35 of Redding. Mr. O'Keefe has conveyed the property to Thomas Grace, bishop of this diocese of the Catholic Church.

THE FREE PRESS **Thursday, March 3, 1904**

Father Nugent went to Red Bluff on the Tuesday morning train. He has received the plans and specifications for the new Catholic church to be erected in this city.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, March 24, 1904**

Church Property Sold To Breweries—. . . Thursday Hoefer & Mevius secured an option from the trustees of the Catholic Church of Redding to purchase the land now occupied by the church building. The lot is 85 by 150 feet and it is understood that the price is considerably in excess of $1000.

The trustees of the church recently purchased a lot 75 by 100 feet on the northeast corner of Court and Sacramento streets for the sum of $1000. A fund was recently started for the erection of a new church building, but the old building will probably be removed to the new site and used as a place of worship until the new building can be built.

An engineer of the Southern Pacific Company was here Wednesday surveying the old church site, preparatory to building a sidetrack to accommodate the new bottling plant.

The papers relating to the deal were forwarded to the San Francisco Breweries, Limited, Thursday for execution and Mr. Hoefer said that the deal was as good as consummated.

THE FREE PRESS **Thursday, May 5, 1904**

Rev. Father Nugent of the Catholic church went to Whiskytown Thursday morning.

THE FREE PRESS **Wednesday, June 1, 1904**

Contract For New Church Is Awarded—The contract for the new Catholic church building has been awarded to Frank L. Scamman and work on the new structure will immediately be commenced.

The new house of worship will be located on the two lots at the northeast corner of Court and Sacramento streets, almost opposite the Indianola.

The church will be larger than any house of worship in Redding and will be a handsome structure.

The old church now in use will at once be moved to the rear of the lot on which the new church will be built and services held therein until the new building is finished.

Mr. Scamman will commence right away on the foundation for the new building.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, June 2, 1904**

Catholic Church Contract Awarded—The contract for the construction of the new Catholic Church in this city has been awarded to Frank L. Scammon. The church will be the largest and one of the handsomest in Redding. Its cost when completed will be $6500.

The church is to built on the site recently purchased by the members of the church on the northeast corner of Court and Sacramento streets. The length from the front of the tower to the rear will be 92 feet. The height of the spire being to the top of the cross, will be 100 feet. The church will be capable of seating 300 people. It will be provided with two rows of pews. The entire building will be constructed on the Gothic style of architecture.

The auditorium will be 60 by 40 feet in size and the sanctuary 24 by 14 feet.

Work on the handsome edifice will be commenced soon.

THE FREE PRESS **Thursday, July 21, 1904**

Catholic Church Spire Will Go 100 Feet—The steeple on the new Catholic church, now being erected in Redding, will reach a higher altitude than any other building in Shasta county. The cross at the top will stand at a height of 100 feet from the sidewalk and the steeple tower will extend full sixty feet above the apex of the roof of the church.

The steeple will be higher than the dome of the court house, which is about ninety-six feet and will tower far above the steeples of other churches of the city.

The new house of worship will be one of the finest church buildings in Northern California. The building will be of Gothic style of architecture. The main building will be 40X60 feet, the altar will be 16X24 feet and the sacristy adjoining the altar on the south will be 16X16 feet.

There will be a large gallery at the west, or front end of the church. The gallery will be 12X40 feet and will be reached by wide stairways from the vestibule.

The ceiling will be twenty-seven feet, four inches, in height and will be coved. A large arch, twenty-six feet high in the center, with massive Gothic columns on either side supporting it, opens to the altar.

The steeple tower will be sixteen feet square and the vestibule opens into the tower, the arched opening being guarded by massive columns.

The building, inside and outside, will be highly ornamented, all of the ornamental work, cornices, pinnacles and exterior trimmings being of galvanized iron.

The windows will be heavy cathedral glass and on both sides of the building are buttresses supporting the heavy roof and at the same time adding to the appearance of the building.

The church will have a seating capacity of about 750 people and will be the largest house of worship in Northern California.

The plans were drawn in accordance with ideas of Rev. Father Nugent and the building is being constructed by Frank Scamman. S. T. Smith-Burton is foreman and a crew of eight men are now at work.

It is believed the structure will be completed by the middle of August.

THE FREE PRESS **Thursday, September 1, 1904**

Catholic Church To Have Patent Windows—Redding's handsome new Catholic church is soaring skyward. The workmen are now employed near the top of the steeple that will reach a height of 108 feet above the sidewalk grade. A seven-foot golden cross will surmount the steeple and this will be the highest building structure in Redding.

The new church will have many new features and innovations that will add to the comfort and convenience of the patrons of the church. Among them and possible the most modern is the adjustable window sashes with which the building will be fitted.

One of the most disagreeable tasks of the duties of a janitor is the cleaning of the windows, and no matter how neat and tidy other parts of the church may be, dirty windows spoil the otherwise clean appearance of the structure.

And besides, the glass in the Catholic church windows will be the finest Cathedral glass and must needs be kept clean.

At the Catholic church all the windows can be washed from the inside. This is made possible by the new adjustable window sash that is being used.

The frame of the sash is hung on trunions and hinged at the middle, so that it may readily be swung horizontally entirely around, to bring the exterior of the glass in the inside of the room, and as readily reversed.

The sash is a new invention and is a great labor saver. Cathedral glass, handsomely cut and ornamented, will be placed in the sashes.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, October 5, 1904**

Key Is Delivered To Father Nugent—The carpenter work on the new Catholic Church was completed yesterday, so far as the present contract is concerned. The front doors were hung, the key turned and given over to Father Nugent. There is a little painting yet to be done, but the carpenters are through with their job.

The edifice as it stands has cost about $4000 and it is all paid for. The finishing of the interior will come later and under another contract, which is not likely to be let until there is money in the treasury to meet the bills, for Catholic churches are not usually built on credit.

The old church that has so long been in use will be moved some time this month on the same lot as the new edifice, and at its rear. If it does not tumble down in transit, the old church will continue to be used as a place of worship until the new building has been completed inside. Eventually the old building will be converted into a parish house or residence for the priest.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 25, 1904**

Rev. Father McGrath, in whose parish the Redding Catholic Church was formerly included, was up from Willows last evening. He was recently transferred from Red Bluff, where he had lived and preached for years, to the county seat of Glenn.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, November 10, 1904**

Catholic Church Will Be finished—The building committee of the new Catholic Church was around town Wednesday collecting the promised subscriptions. The result of the day's work was quite satisfactory. About $450 is still unpaid, but it is good. The work of finishing the interior will be gone ahead with as soon as the necessary funds can be borrowed. The interior finish, exclusive of furnishing, will cost about $1300.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, April 25, 1905**

Bishop Grace Will Bless New Church—The work of preparing the new Catholic Church for dedication next Sunday is nearly completed. The fine new altar was set in place last week, and is now in the hands of the painters. The altar is twelve feet in length, while the tabernacle in the center, with its tower and pinnacles, rises to the height of over twenty feet. The altar will be decorated in white and gold. It is a handsome piece of work and reflects great credit on Frank L. Scamman and his assistants, by whom the carpenter work was done.

The church is being wired for electric lighting, and in a few days more the fixtures will be in place. A meter will also be installed.

Under the efficient leadership of Miss Jackson a fine choir of Redding vocalists is rehearsing Concone's beatiful mass. The portions of the mass that must be rendered in the Gregorian chant will be sung by Rev. P. Huesges, a young German priest now stationed at Woodland, who has studied music in the German conservatories, and who has few equals as a singer of Gregorian chant, the official music of the Catholic Church.

The ceremonies of blessing the new church will begin promptly at 10 o'clock next Sunday morning. The Bishop, accompanied by his assistants, will first bless the exterior of the building, after which he will enter by the front door and dedicate the interior. The church will not be opened to the public until the dedication ceremonies are finished, which will be about 10:20 o'clock. Then the doors will be open to all and mass will commence at 10:30. After mass, Bishop Grace of Sacramento will preach the dedication sermon. Immediately afterward he will administer the sacrament of confirmation to a large class of children who have been preparing for this for a long time.

The idea of issuing invitation tickets to the dedication has been given up. The doors will be opened at 10:30 o'clock and everyone will be welcome to enter. For the sake of preserving order children will not be admitted unless accompanied by their parents. The Catholics of Redding cordially invite to the dedication services all of their friends and the public in general, to whose generosity and kind co-operation they are greatly indebted for their handsome new church.

THE FREE PRESS **Monday, May 1, 1905**

The New Catholic Church Was Dedicated—In the presence of an audience composed of nearly a half thousand people Bishop Grace of Sacramento blessed the handsome new Catholic church in this city Sunday morning and performed the ceremony that dedicated the new house of worship to the uses of the Catholic Church.

Every seat in the large church was occupied, every aisle and space in the auditorium was used and many were compelled to stand in the vestibule.

Bishop Grace was assisted in the ceremony of dedication by Rev. P. Huesgues, celebrant of the mass, Rev. P. Brady, deacon, Rev. P. Fisher of Santa Cruz, sub-deacon, and Rev. T. Nugent, master of ceremonies.

The service of blessing the church began at 10 o'clock and lasted until 11, at which time Bishop Grace performed the ceremony of dedication and delivered a splendid address, during which he complimented the people of Redding upon the substantial growth of the city. He had not been in Redding for two years and noticed vast and substantial improvements in the city's business, population and general aspect.

St. Joseph Church, Redding, California. Dedicated April 30, 1905 by Bishop Thomas Grace. Destroyed by fire July 28, 1907 **(Courtesy Mildred Erickson Beyschau)**

During the ceremony Concone's celebrated mass was sung by a choir under the leadership of Miss Gussie Jackson. The singers were Miss Teresa Carr, Kenneth Kennedy and W. L. Phillips. Joseph Hoefer directed the responses.

Mrs. Richard Collins presided at the organ.

The interior of the church was beautifully decorated with callas and evergreens.

At the close of the dedicatory ceremonies Bishop Grace confirmed a class of thirty-five children. They were Genevieve Ethel McNeill, Eulalie Margaret Kenny, Hazel Lucile Stephens, Catherine Agnes Minear, Francis Flannigan, Rose Joseph, Henry Lloyd Lowden, Francis Elmer Bergin, Edward Flannigan, Edward William Kenny, Spencer William Lowden, George Raymond Bartosh, Paul Reel, Francis Nunes, Joseph Joseph, Charlotte Desmond, Isabella Sara Collins, Vera Maud Hall, Catherine Cusack, Charlotte Agnes Wagnon, William Henry Robinson, Charles Edwin Minear, Thomas Joseph Dinnigan, John Mullen, Edmund Henry Vedder, George Mullen, John Sandas, Harold Hall, Mary Elizabeth Hoefer, Gertrude Mullen, Ethel Anderson, Myrtle Reel, Isabella Joseph, Mary Hester Massie.

The ceremony of dedication was beautiful and impressive and the music of Conconne's mass was a particularly attractive feature.

The new church is handsomely furnished and equipped and the house of worship is one of the finest in the interior of the state.

On Monday morning Bishop Grace and his attendants went to Shasta to dedicate the new Catholic Church at that place.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 2, 1905**

Bishop Dedicates The New St. Joseph's In Redding On Sunday—Redding's new and greater St. Joseph's Catholic church was dedicated Sunday morning, the beautiful and solemn ceremonial being conducted by Bishop Grace of Sacramento. . . .

NOTE: *The above item indicates that the old church as well as the new was known as St. Joseph's. However, the* Catholic Directory *(The M. H. Wiltzius Co.) for 1905 and for several years thereafter gave the name of the Redding church as St. Mary's. It was not until 1914 that the* Catholic Directory *(P. J. Kenedy & Sons) listed the Redding church as St. Joseph's.*

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, October 22, 1905**

Brewery Building To Replace Church—The old Catholic Church will be moved to the lot on which stands the new church. The work of removal will be commenced Monday by John White, who has the contract. The old edifice will be transferred to a spot in the rear of the new church building. It will be cut up into rooms so as to make a parish house for the priest, Father Nugent.

The old church lot is the property of the San Francisco Breweries, represented locally by Jos. Hoefer, who said Saturday evening that the San Francisco Breweries will erect a large beer-bottling plant on the site. . . .

THE FREE PRESS **Thursday, November 9, 1905**

Catholic Church Steeple Tumbles—The Catholic church steeple has fallen. The spire that for years pointed heavenward and marked the place of worship where the devout Catholics worshipped, now rests on terra firma along side the church, but the congregation is not worrying over the affair. The steeple belonged to the old church and it was leveled to the ground by the workmen employed under Theodore Broadhurst.

The old Catholic church is now on its new site at the rear of the handsome new house of worship at Court and Sacramento streets. The old church was moved from its former site steeple and all, and electric light and telephone wires had to be taken down along the street where the building traveled.

Now the steeple has been removed and the carpenters are at work remodelling the building and transforming it into a residence for the priest, Father Nugent.

On the site formerly occupied by the church will arise a modern brewery and bottling works on which work will very soon begin.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, March 31, 1906**

Week's Mission At Catholic Church—Rev. Walter E. Hopper of San Francisco will give a week's mission at the Redding Catholic church, beginning at the 11 o'clock mass tomorrow.

Father Hopper is well known in Redding, having given a series of lectures in Armory Hall six years ago. He is a very pleasing speaker, and in the course of his week's work in Redding he will present in a thorough and exhaustive manner the great truths relating to the eternal destiny of man.

He will preach every evening during the week at 7:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation to be present at the services is extended to all.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, January 22, 1907**

Card Tournament In Jacobson Hall Will Be Given Thursday Eve For Benefit Of Catholic Church—The Catholic church in this city cost $7000 furnished. All of this amount save $800 has been paid. To help raise the balance the ladies of the church will give a card tournament Thursday evening of this week in Jacobson's Hall. Mrs. R. M. Saeltzer, Mrs. Benjamin Macomber and Miss Lizzie Corrigan, the committee of arrangements, hope to be able to give the public a splendid evening's entertainment.

In addition to the card tournament there will be raffles for a $30 suit of clothes and a sofa pillow. The ladies invite a good attendance.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Friday, January 25, 1907**

Many Play "500" At Catholic Tourney—One of the most pronounced social successes of the season was the Catholic fair and card tournament given Thursday night at Jacobson's Hall. The affair was largely attended and the program arranged by the ladies of the Catholic Church was thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining.

The card feature of the evening was a Five Hundred tournament. There were twenty tables and the game was highly exciting and interesting. Rolph Saeltzer captured the gentlemen's prize, an umbrella, and Mrs. Harry Dunn won the ladies' prize, a beautiful cut glass dish.

In the raffle for the suit of clothes, J. Cady of Centerville was the winner, and Mrs. McNeil won the sofa pillow.

Miss Louise Hoefer, Miss Katie Minear, Miss Eva Robinson and Mrs. W. J. Harrington were scorers and punched the cards.

The candy table was presided over by Mrs. R. E. Collins and a fancy work table was under the supervision of Mrs. R. M. Saeltzer and Miss Corrigan.

Both tables looked like cyclones had struck them before the evening was over.

Coffee and cake were served after the play.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Monday, July 29, 1907**

A $100,000 Blaze–Fifteen residences, two churches, the Redding Ice Factory, barns, out-houses and personal effects to the value of over $100,000 were destroyed Sunday afternoon in a fire that started in the woodshed in the rear of C. C. Rogerman's home on Gold Street.

St. Joseph Church in flames, July 28, 1907
(Chester Mullen Collection, courtesy Wanda Grooms Adams)

Fanned by a brisk south wind that kept increasing in velocity as the fire gained headway the flames spread to the north and destroyed every building on the block bounded by Court, Oregon, Sacramento and Placer streets, jumped across Placer and took the Baptist Church, Baptist parsonage, residences of Charles George, unoccupied, J. L. McCarthy, occupied by Roy Webb, and damaged the residence of Mrs. McCarthy, occupied by Mrs. Shaddock and family. The fortunate shifting of the wind, aided by the protection of a row of poplar trees, prevented the spread of the fire further north, and the Western Hotel, Hull and Brownlee residences, and Carl R. Briggs' office building, at one time believed to be doomed, were saved as if by a miracle.

. . . The burning of the Catholic church was a spectacular event. The high building and tall steeple, rising to a height of over a hundred feet, was a veritable pyramid of flame. As the fiery shroud climbed farther and farther toward the gilded cross at the steeple's apex the crowd below watched in breathless silence, until, with one sad peal, the little bell in the tower, loosened from its rope, sounded the death knell of the church and the burning steeple fell with a crash into the fiery furnace below.

The burning church sent sheets of flame and showers of firebrands skyward and the buildings on all sides immediately caught fire. In a few seconds the entire block bounded by Court, Placer, Sacramento and Oregon streets, was a seething furnace of flames. . . .

Rev. Father Nugent of the Catholic Church was at Sweet Brier. He returned on the late train Sunday night. Father Nugent lost all of his personal effects, including a splendid library. . . .

The Catholic Church will be rebuilt and in all probability the structure will be of brick and stone. The church just destroyed was completed only a year ago and was just freed from debt with the exception of $100.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, August 2, 1907**

Mass In Redding—Rev. F. Nugent will celebrate mass next Sunday in Jacobson's Hall at 9 o'clock. The German Lutherans have the hall rented for that morning, but as their services do not begin until 10:30 they kindly allow the Catholics to use the hall at an earlier hour.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Saturday, August 3, 1907**

A new building is springing up on the burned district. It is a temporary parsonage for the Catholic priest, Rev. Father Nugent. The frame work was put in place Saturday afternoon.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Saturday, September 7, 1907**

Father Nugent will celebrate mass tomorrow (Sunday) at 10:30 o'clock in the brick schoolhouse on north Pine street.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, September 17, 1907**

Offered Church To The Catholics—Rev. H. A. Cresser, rector in charge, announced to the congregation of All Saints Episcopal church Sunday evening that under authority and direction of Bishop Moreland he had tendered the use of the church to Father Nugent for Roman Catholic services at such hours as not to conflict with the Episcopal flock's own worship. The tender was authorized by the bishop some time ago, or as soon as he learned of the destruction of the Catholic church.

Father Nugent, the rector said, had acknowledged the offer in the same neighborly spirit in which it has been prompted, but said that other arrangements had already been made for Catholic services. The rector further said it had been the intention to offer free use of the Episcopal church to the Baptists, whose church was also burned, but it was ascertained that this congregation had promptly found a meeting place for worship elsewhere.

In alluding to the subject yesterday, Father Nugent said that he had advised Bishop Grace of his own diocese of the thoughtful kindness, and the bishop had replied that to accept the offer might make his own flock so comfortable as to delay the rebuilding of their own regular place of worship, so the offer was thankfully declined.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Wednesday, September 18, 1907**

Will Play Whist For Catholic Church—A whist tournament will be given by Mrs. C. Kleineberg at her residence, 419 Oregon street on Thursday, September 26th, at 8:30, for the benefit of the Catholic church so recently burned. Tickets, $1.00, may be had at 419 Oregon street, Harrington's grocery store, Marett's drugstore, and the dry goods department of the Big Store.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Saturday, September 21, 1907**

Catholics Meet In Firemen's Hall—Will Soon Have Building Erected For Temporary Worship.

The Catholics of Redding will meet for religious worship tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in Firemen's hall in the new City Hall. They are very thankful to the firemen for the use of the hall for a few months. As soon as lumber may be placed on the ground the Catholics will have a two-story building erected, the lower floor to serve as a temporary church. The new church that will arise from the ashes of the former one will be of brick or concrete and will be an ornament to the town. Work will be commenced on it before long, and pushed as rapidly as circumstances will justify.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, September 22, 1907**

Build Parish House First, Church Next—Plans for rebuilding the Catholic church destroyed in this city by the big fire of July 28th are maturing.

"We will begin construction right away on a two-story frame building, 26 by 30 feet," said Father Nugent Saturday. "The lower story of this building will be occupied as a church until the permanent edifice is restored. The upper story will be the parochial residence, and eventually the entire building will be used for that purpose. It will be, practically, a dwelling, with the lower story used temporarily as a place of worship.

"We shall begin work of construction just as soon as the material can be delivered and at the same time we will lay the foundation for the new church on the old site.

"For the time being it has not been decided whether the new edifice will be built of wood, brick or concrete. If gravel were cheap, it is possible concrete blocks might be the building material used. However, we have enough to do at present to build the dwelling-church and lay the foundation for the church proper. As our funds increase, our plans will unfold.

"We had $4100 insurance on the church property that was burned. This is a good starter for building anew," Father Nugent said in conclusion.

The firemen's hall in the City Hall will be used as a place of worship by the Catholics until they have temporary quarters in their own building. Father Nugent will celebrate mass there at 11 o'clock this morning and in Shasta at 8:30.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Saturday, November 2, 1907**

Mass in Redding at 8 and in Bella Vista at 11 o'clock.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, March 26, 1908**

Redding Priest To Placerville—Rev. D. Taverna, for the past four months assistant to Rev. Father Nugent in the Redding parish, departed Wednesday evening for Placerville, where he will be assistant to the Catholic priest in that parish. The transfer was made by Bishop Grace of Sacramento. For the time being Father Nugent will not have any assistant. Father Taverna's assignment to Placerville is only temporary, or during the ill health of the regular assistant.

Father Taverna came to Redding four months ago, and during his residence here he greatly endeared himself to his parishioners. He is an Italian by birth and education, but he is thoroughly conversant with the English, French, Spanish and Portuguese languages.

As assistant priest at Placerville his duties will include attending to the spiritual wants of the convicts in the Folsom penitentiary.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Monday, May 4, 1908**

Building New Home—Fabian Fisher, the Market street clothier, is soon to commence the erection of a new cottage on his property recently acquired on Court street. The lot is located between Placer and Sacramento streets on Court, and is just north of the site of the Catholic church, which was destroyed by fire a year or so ago.

The proposed cottage will be modern in all its appointments, finished in hard wood, and will cost in the neighborhood of $3000. Plans for the new structure are now being drawn, and it is expected that work of construction will be begun before the end of the present month. Mr. Fisher and family expect to move into their new home in the early fall.

NOTE: *The Fabian Fisher home was purchased by St. Joseph Parish in 1927 for a rectory.*

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Wednesday, July 8, 1908**

Rev. Father Nugent has returned from a parochial visit to Whitmore and vicinity.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, August 13, 1908**

Father Nugent will celebrate mass in Delamar next Sunday at 10 o'clock.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Friday, September 25, 1908**

Fabian Fisher's New Residence Progressing–The foundation for the new Fabian Fisher home on Court street is finished and the work of construction is going ahead rapidly. It is expected to have the home ready for occupancy within ninety days.

The contract for construction has been let to Frank Scamman, the contract price being between $4000 and $5000. When completed Mr. and Mrs. Fisher will have one of the finest and most substantial homes on the west side.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 13, 1908**

Catholic Meeting–There will be a meeting of the members of the Catholic church at their temporary chapel next Wednesday evening at 7:30, to consider the question of rebuilding their church that was destroyed by fire last year.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, October 17, 1908**

The ladies of the Catholic church have arranged to give a card party in Jacobson's Hall on the evening of November 25th, to raise funds for the new church.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, October 18, 1908**

Mass in Buckeye at 8 a.m. and in Redding at 10:30.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 20, 1908**

Catholics Decide To Build A New Church–Catholics of the Redding parish decided Sunday to build a new church on the site of the edifice that was destroyed by fire on June 28, 1907.

Plans made by Boston architects who make a specialty of churches have been accepted. Redding's new Catholic church will be a modification of the Mission type. It will be built of wood, re-enforced concrete and will be nearly fireproof. The estimated cost is $11,000.

The church will be eighty feet long and thirty-six feet wide, with two sacristies fourteen feet square at the rear. The steeple tower will be fourteen feet square and 56 feet high, surmounted by a spire and cross.

The foundation walls will be made of concrete to the surface. Then will come brick walls three feet high. Above them the construction will be re-enforced concrete. The roof will be made of concrete shingles, probably.

The parish has $2500 in its treasury. This good starter for a building fund is the proceeds of the insurance carried on the old church. An entertainment will be given on November 12th for the purpose of raising more money.

Father Nugent says work of construction will be begun very soon, though it is not the intention to complete the church at once. The finishing touches will be put on later. But it is expected to enclose the church this winter so that it will serve as a place of worship. When the money gives out, building will be stopped. The church will be built on the pay-as-you-go plan.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, November 8, 1908**

Twenty-Five Are To Be Confirmed–Bishop Thomas Grace will administer the rite of confirmation in the Catholic church this morning to a class of twenty-five, the important ceremony following the second mass at 10:30.

Following is a list of those who will be received into the church:

James Welsh, Kennett.
William Welsh, Kennett.
Donna Maria Logan, Redding.
Sylvester Aloysius Robinson, Redding.

George Reel, Stella.
Frances Mary Dinnigan, Redding.
Margaret Ellen Flanagan, Buckeye.
Catherine Nichols, Shasta.
Elsie Schuchert, Redding.
Isabella Miller, Redding.
May Desmond, Stella.
Marjorie Marie Bergin, Redding.
Gertrude Francis Mullen, Redding.
Mary Elizabeth Woods, Redding.
Matthew Flanagan, Buckeye.
Joseph Nichols, Shasta.
Montgomery Desmond, Burney.
Arthur Joseph Laurence, Redding.
Gertrude Mary Keane, Shasta.
William Nichols, Shasta.
David Wood, Redding.
Christopher Clemens Kleineberg, Redding.
Clement James Morelli, Redding.
Jane Desmond, Stella.
Lillian Rose Desmond, Redding.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 10, 1908**

Catholic Church Entertainment—The entertainment to be given by the ladies of the Catholic church will be next Thursday evening in Jacobson's Hall. It has been a long prepared event and all who come are assured of a pleasant time. Whist is to be played and those who do not care for cards will find the best of music and the finest dancing partners to be had. As a supplement to this, a booth of fancy articles, also a raffle table, flowers, dainty candies and fine luncheon may be had at very modern prices. A $35 suit donated by Charles Piftchek and a handsome drawn work sofa cushion are to be raffled. Be sure to attend. It will be your own loss if you don't as well as failing to help along a good cause. The money secured on this occasion is to go toward rebuilding the Catholic church in this city. Admission tickets, 50 cents. Raffle tickets may be bought at the door Thursday evening or at the Big Store.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Wednesday, December 30, 1908**

Catholics To Build—When the bids for the new Catholic church were opened Tuesday night, it was found that the figures of J. Piasecki of San Francisco were the lowest. Work will be commenced immediately on the edifice, which is to be even handsomer than the one which was razed by the disastrous fire of July 29, 1907.

The new structure and fittings when completed will represent an outlay of $10,000.

A noteworthy feature of the contract just let is that Contractor Piasecki proposes employing, wherever possible, local mechanics.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, January 3, 1909**

Rev. Peter Huesges, assistant pastor of the Catholic church in Red Bluff, is up to assist Rev. Thomas Nugent in the Sunday services in this city. Rev. Huesges came also at the request of F. Blanchard who died Saturday morning in this city and who was unconscious when the priest arrived.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, January 8, 1909**

Catholic Church To Aid Suffering—Father Nugent announces that a collection will be taken up next Sunday morning in the Catholic church for the benefit of the Italian earthquake sufferers.

Bishop Grace sent a request last week to every parish in the diocese, asking that notice be given last Sunday that a collection would be taken up next Sunday for the earthquake sufferers. Father Nugent did not receive the communication from Bishop Grace until Sunday evening. For that reason this public notice is given.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, January 23, 1909**

Concert In Aid Of Catholic Church—Miss Mary Field is arranging to give in Jacobson's hall, Thursday evening, January 28, a musical for the benefit of the new Catholic church. Associated with Miss Field will be some of the best instrumental and vocal

talent in Redding and the success of the concert is a foregone conclusion.

After the splendid programme has been rendered dancing will be in order. The concert ticket will admit to the dance also.

Following is the program:

Quartette,
Das einsame Roeslein . . . Rev. Father Huesges, Messrs. Hoefer, Jaegel and Sieger
Piano Solo, "The Polish Dance," . . . . . Miss Myrtle Hall
Recitation . . . . . C. Zwisler
Duet . . . . . Miss Gussie Jackson and Miss Emma Jaegel
Vocal Solo . . . . . Miss Bessie Marett
Piano Solo, Rhapsody II, Liszt . . . . . Miss Mary Field
Vocal Solo, "Oh, Thou Sublime, Sweet Evening Star" . . . . . Rev. Father Huesges
Recitation . . . . . C. Zwisler
Quartette, "*Das Gebet,*" from the Opera Das Nachtlager in Granda . . . . . Rev. Father Huesges, Messrs. Hoefer, Jaegel and Sieger
Vocal Solo . . . . . Mr. McCauley
Piano Solo . . . . . Miss Roberta Simmons
Vocal Solo . . . . . Miss Gussie Jackson

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, January 30, 1909**

Receipts $150—The receipts of the Catholic concert given Thursday evening in Jacobson's Hall were in the neighborhood of $150. Several tickets were sold out side, the returns from which have not been received. The management believes that the tickets yet to be accounted for will cover all expenses, leaving $150 or thereabouts as the profits of the concert.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, February 4, 1909**

Basement Finished—The concrete basement of the new Catholic church has been built and work will proceed on the building as soon as the weather becomes settled. When finally completed the church will be one of the handsomest edifices in Northern California.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Wednesday, April 21, 1909**

Catholic Church Rising From The Old Ashes—While not perhaps an apt allusion, a newspaper writer might be licensed to remark that "It's an ill wind," etc. in reference to the upbuilding of the new Catholic church, which is being pushed to completion by Contractor Piasecki. The new edifice promises to be even more substantial looking than the old.

Within the last few days immense strides have been made on the structure that is to grace the fine lot, upon which the old Catholic church stood, and which was razed at the time of the "west side" fire in 1907. The contractor will certainly be on time, unless the hot weather comes too early and the cement work would then have to be delayed until fall.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, July 15, 1909**

Holy Water Font—A holy water font was received from the east yesterday by the Redding Undertaking Company and is to be donated by this enterprising firm to the new Catholic church which is now nearing completion in this city. It is a model of art and represents an angel in stooping posture holding a shell of water. This piece of sculpture comes from a noted firm of Chicago designers, who make this line of work a specialty.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, July 18, 1909**

Mass in Redding at 8 a.m. and in Coram at 10:30.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, August 1, 1909**

Rev. Father O'Neil will celebrate mass in Redding at 9 o'clock this morning.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Friday, October 8, 1909**

Catholic Church Soon Be Ready–Work has been resumed on the new Catholic church after an enforced suspension of activity during the heated term. Very soon the scaffolding will be removed and the handsome lines of the building will be seen in all their beauty.

The job of finishing the interior is now occupying the attention of mechanics who hope to have the church completed by the end of the year.

To assist in raising funds for the work the ladies of the church are busy preparing for a bazaar which they will hold in Jacobson's hall on the evenings of November 19 and 20. They are determined to leave nothing undone to make the affair one of their usual successes.

St. Joseph Church under construction, 1909. Completed rectory on Sacramento Street
(Courtesy Mr. & Mrs. Dan Coughlin)

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Friday, November 19, 1909**

Catholic Benefit Concert And Dance–If the entertainments arranged by the ladies of the Catholic church, and scheduled for tonight and Saturday night, are on a par with those of previous years then the purchasers of tickets will receive their full money's worth, besides assisting in a laudable accomplishment.

Friday evening will be passed with pleasures attendant on a card tournament at Jacobson's hall, and on Saturday night, at the same place a concert, arranged under the careful and efficient supervision of Miss Mary Field, will be the feature. The programme consists of vocal and instrumental numbers by several of the best known local performers on the concert stage, and promises to be an artistic treat. After the concert the floor will be cleared for the "mystic whirl."

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, November 20, 1909**

In spite of the unfavorable weather, there was a good crowd at the bazaar in Jacobson's hall last night. Tonight there will be a concert and dance and the various articles given to the owners who have secured them. An excellent supper is served each night after ten o'clock, and tonight the patrons of the dining room will be given a chance to get a fine Thanksgiving turkey.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, November 21, 1909**

Benefit Concert Delightful Treat–Music to please the ear and charm the sensibilities was provided in generous measure last night at the Catholic benefit concert, which, in spite of the very inclement weather, drew a fine house. The scarcity of musical performances makes such an entertainment most desirable. Praise in heaping measure is due Miss Mary Field for the admirable program and its splendid arrangement.

The overture from the "Poet and Peasant," performed by Miss Field and Miss Maud Roycroft was a delightfully rendered bit from the tuneful opera. A hearty encore was given. Miss Alice Barber followed with a sonata that was played with admirable technique, testifying to the young lady's ability. The song by Master Clifford Saeltzer,

with the accompaniment of Dorothea Saeltzer, was not only one of the best received features on the program, but one which disclosed an embryo vocalist and a very promising pianist. Miss Maud Roycroft, who has recently returned from San Francisco, where she studied both instrumental and vocal music, made her debut in this city as a singer and won laurels and applause from the appreciative listeners. Miss Roberta Simmons, excellent pianist, gave a selection that rang with a tinkling melody and made subtle appeal to the musical sense that was both a credit to the instrumentalist and the composer. Herbert Moody sang two songs of a rousing nature that were well received. Without injustice to any performer, the vocal gem of the evening was the singing of Miss Gussie Jackson, whose magnificent voice adds the superior touch of quality to the concert program when she appears. The talented singer on this occasion chose the fine soprano song from Lucia di Lammermoor, following it with an encore that was full of musical grace and swing. A robust duet in concerto made an excellent finishing touch to a melodious program.

After the concert dancing for several hours and a delicious banquet made light the hearts of those present.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 23, 1909**

The total receipts at the bazaar given Friday night by the Catholic ladies for the benefit of the church were about $800. The expenses were small. The gramaphone was awarded to Miss Lizzie Corrigan. The sofa pillow went to Mrs. Alex Leiter of Igo. The suit of clothes awaits an owner.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, March 3, 1910**

New Catholic Church Will Be Dedicated On Sunday After Next—Redding's new Catholic church, now almost completed at a cost of $10,000 will be dedicated on Sunday, March 13th—Passion Sunday.

Bishop Grace of Sacramento will celebrate high mass at 10:30 and preach the dedicatory sermon. Father Carr of Dunsmuir, one of the most eloquent divines in the State, will preach in the evening.

The handsome new edifice stands on the site of the church that was destroyed by fire in July, 1908, just about a year after its dedication. The new edifice is about the size of the old, but its construction is such that it is more nearly fireproof. It is built on a concrete foundation, with a six-foot sub-superstructure of brick. The superstructure is of wood, with a concrete finish on the outside like that of the Hotel Reading.

St. Joseph Church, Redding. Dedicated March 13, 1910 by Bishop Thomas Grace

(Chester Mullen Collection, courtesy Shasta Historical Society)

Five memorial windows have been donated. The finest of these has been given by Dr. C. E. Kleineberg in memory of his son, Lieutenant Kleineberg. This window cost $250. Other windows have been donated by Mrs. R. M. Saeltzer, Miss Lizzie Corrigan, the St. Elizabeth Society and the Sunday school.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, March 15, 1910**

Bishop Grace Dedicates The Church Of St. Joseph—Hundreds Attend Service In The Magnificent New Edifice.

The Catholic, the Protestant and the non-sectarian gathered within the walls of St. Joseph's church, Redding's new and stately edifice of worship, Sunday morning to listen to the impressive service of dedication and view for the first time the results of the completed work of builder and craftsman. The beautiful structure with its several large stained glass memorial windows, pouring forth a profusion of mellow color and sunlight, and the graceful arched ceiling and pure white altar caused a glow of rejoicing to spread over all who saw and feelings of approbation to manifest themselves for the Catholics and the community that had brought this second temple of worship in so short a time, rearing it over the ashes of a former structure, the new more worthy and more substantial than the old.

A larger and more fashionable church assemblage has not been witnessed in Redding. Standing room was hardly to be had and the aisles and entrance were blocked with standing people. They gathered considerably in advance of the opening of the service, which was conducted in a solemn beautiful manner by Bishop Grace of Sacramento, Father Carr of Dunsmuir and Father Brady of Red Bluff, receiving excellent choral support from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoefer, Harry Hughes, Mrs. C. E. Kleineberg, Mrs. C. P. Huff and Miss Maude Roycroft, who sang effectively Gounod's "Ave Maria." Miss Mary Field was organist. . . .

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, April 14, 1910**

35 Young People Form Benefit Club—A junior serving club has been organized by Redding young people with the intention of raising a benefit fund for the Catholic church. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John Desmond and officers elected as follows: Miss Lela Kenney, president; Matthew Desmond, vice-president; Miss Dorothea Saeltzer, treasurer, and Miss Lozena Magill, secretary. A "lookout" committee was also organized.

The members, other than the officers, are Agnes Tyer, Annie Mullen, Lillian Desmond, Lillian Witherow, Mary Wood, Hazel DeShields, Lucy Torney, Genevieve McNeil, Donna Logan, Virginia Woods, Alice Modglin, May Desmond, Elizabeth Oliver, Gertrude Mullen, Isabel Miller, Eva Miller, Madeline Reardon, Phyrne Lorenz, Ruby Lorenz, Jennie Desmond, Lottie Desmond, Edna Thorn, Maud Yoakum, Tom Mullen, John Desmond, Monte Desmond, Clifford Saeltzer, David Wood, Bertha McLaughlin, Amy Ferrell and Tony Evergel.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Wednesday, July 20, 1910**

Rev. Father Nugent of the local Catholic church, who left here recently for a tour of the world, is at present sojourning in Ireland. Cards received from him by resident friends state that he is having a very pleasant trip.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, September 3, 1910**

Father Nugent has returned home from a trip abroad that included a visit to the old homestead in Ireland.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Tuesday, April 18, 1911**

Father McGrath Goes To Colusa—Willows, April 18—The Rev. Father C. C. McGrath announced at high mass in St. Monica's Catholic church Sunday that Bishop Grace of Sacramento had made three changes in the diocese. Father McGrath will go to Colusa, Father Wallrath will go from Colusa to Woodland, and Father Greeley of Woodland will come here.

Changes have been discussed for some time for the broadening benefit of the

rectors, and while the bishop has hesitated long, he has at length granted the requests of the priests.

Father McGrath spoke touchingly of his leaving Willows.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Saturday, July 8, 1911**

Mass in Redding at 6, and in Castella at 10 o'clock.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Monday, October 23, 1911**

Children Picnic—Several members of the Catholic Sunday school left on the morning local for a day's outing at Mullen's ranch near Girvan.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Monday, October 23, 1911**

Catholic Children—The children of the Catholic Sunday school will give an entertainment Thursday evening. A full program of music and literary exercises has been prepared and local talent is featured. Candy and other booths will be erected. No admission will be charged.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, October 26, 1911**

Catholic Boys Entertain—The members of the Boy's gymnasium club of the Catholic church will give an entertainment Thursday evening in the basement of the church to raise funds for the equipment of their club room. No admission will be charged. Ice cream, candy, etc. will be supplied at lowest current prices.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Tuesday, October 31, 1911**

Card Party Thursday—The first card party of the season will be given by the Catholic ladies in Jacobson's hall next Thursday evening, November 2nd. Enough tickets have been sold to insure a large attendance. There will be a fancy table, besides candy, ice cream and lemonade. The card party will be followed by a dance. A very pleasant time is assured those who attend.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Wednesday, November 15, 1911**

Bishop Grace To Be Here Sunday—Bishop Thomas Grace of Sacramento will be in Redding next Sunday. Following the 10:30 mass he will administer the rite of confirmation to a class of about thirty.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, April 23, 1912**

Two More Catholic Memorial Windows—The last two of eight handsome memorial windows have been purchased and put in their places on the south side of St. Joseph's Catholic church. They are in memory of John Barry and Hannah Barry, deceased husband and wife of Cottonwood, whose memory is cherished by their two daughters, subscribers of the memorials who had them installed last week.

Both new windows are in conformity with the others in the new finely graced house of worship. The scenes they portray in the richly colored stained glass are of the crucifixion and of St. Ann and the Blessed Virgin. The first is to the memory of John Barry and the second to Hannah Barry.

St. Joseph's church is gradually being beautified by the members of the parish and is comparable to many of the fine Catholic edifices of the state.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Monday, January 27, 1913**

Father Nugent Goes To Arcata—Father Thomas Nugent celebrated his farewell mass in the Catholic church yesterday and left for Humboldt county last night. He will take charge of the Arcata parish in Humboldt county.

Father Nugent was in charge of the Redding parish for the last ten years and was transferred to Humboldt county on his own request and for two reasons. First, the

state of his health necessitated a climatic change, a relief from the oppresive heat of summer in the Sacramento Valley; second, the Redding parish, which includes all of Shasta county, is too large for him, as he no longer felt physically able to make the long journeys his ministerial duties required. As there are five priests in Humboldt county, he will not be required to travel so much in his new field.

Father Nugent has been a diligent, faithful worker in Shasta county for ten years. He has been faithful to the duties imposed upon him and leaves the parish with the regrets of all to whom he ministered and of all who ever had business or social relations with him, whether members of his flock or not. Father Nugent is a modest worker in the vineyard of the Lord. There was no flare of trumpets. He kept on doing good, day in and day out.

Shortly after he took charge of the Redding parish a fine new church was built, but it was soon destroyed by fire. After a period of two or three years, Father Nugent inspired his parishioners to rebuild better than before.

Father Nugent said on leaving that he did not know who would be his successor in Redding, but he assumed that he would be followed by the priest who has been in charge at Arcata.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, January 28, 1913**

Father Nugent Left For Arcata Sunday—Rev. Father Nugent left for Arcata, Humboldt county, Sunday night, where he will take charge of the parish at that place. This is not a new field for the Redding pastor, but an old one. He will be among former friends, with whom he was stationed many years ago.

Father Nugent's determination in making the change was much on account of his health and also that he would have a smaller field to cover. He believes the salt air will be beneficial after a long stay in the Sacramento valley.

Since Father Nugent's advent in Shasta county he has acquired friends and associates who are loathe to see him depart. Not only was this friendship cemented with those of his faith, but those of other denominations are equally warm in their admiration of the man.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, January 29, 1913**

Notice—Rev. Father T. Nugent has been called away from this city to Humboldt County. For nearly ten years Father Nugent has worked among his people in the most unselfish manner. It is the wish of the Catholic congregation to present Father Nugent with a substantial farewell present. Any one who wishes to contribute may send money until February 6 to Mrs. R. M. Saeltzer, West street, or the Big Store, dry goods department.

BLUE LAKE ADVOCATE, Blue Lake, Calif. **Thursday, February 2, 1956**

The Blue Lake Catholic Church—Mrs. Eugene F. Fountain, Historian. The Blue Lake Catholic Church was fortunate in sharing with Arcata its much beloved pastor, Father Thomas Nugent. He was born in Ireland in 1851 and came to America when twenty-five years old. He completed his last year of theology in Pennsylvania, where he was ordained July 11, 1878. Since that time, his work was entirely in the states of California and Nevada.

In the prosperous days of Virginia

Investiture of Msgr. Thomas Nugent and Msgr. Patrick F. Ryan by Bishop Robert J. Armstrong, Eureka, California, July 8, 1936 **(Catholic Herald)**

City he was stationed there. Other parishes in which he served were Reno, Galt, Redding, Folsom, Grass Valley, Willows and Ferndale. In July, 1928, he celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination. Seventeen priests from all parts of California, among them Rev. Terence Nugent, a nephew from San Francisco, arrived in Arcata to honor him. The Arcata Catholic Church was filled to the doors with those participating and witnessing the impressive event. *The Humboldt Times* on July 12, 1928 contained a complete account of the Eucharistic celebration. . . .

It was typical of Msgr. Nugent's self-effacing nature to have no formal portraits taken of himself. His niece, Miss Margaret Kellet of Arcata, had only newspaper pictures, in which he was one of a group. Unfortunately none of these could be used satisfactorily to illustrate this article, as they would be impossible to reproduce.

The Pope himself recognized the merits of this dean of the clergy, and appointed him Domestic Prelate, with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor when he was eighty years old. He lived to the age of ninety-four years, passing away in August 1945. The most Reverend Robert J. Armstrong, Bishop of Sacramento, assisted by sixty priests, conducted the impressive obsequies. Monsignor Nugent was deeply mourned and long remembered.

NOTE: *The above newspaper clipping was loaned by Miss Margaret Kellett, niece of Msgr. Nugent.*

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REV. CHRISTOPHER TEVLIN, PASTOR

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Thursday, January 30, 1913**

Mass By New Priest Sunday Morning—A note received from C. Tevlin in San Francisco requests the *Courier-Free Press* to announce that mass will be celebrated in Redding next Sunday at 9 o'clock.

It is probable that Father Tevlin is the priest who is to succeed Father Nugent in this parish.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, May 3, 1913**

Handsome New Altar For Catholic Church—A magnificient new altar has been installed in the Redding Catholic church at a cost of $1000, and it will be used for the first time on Sunday next. The altar was made to order in Chicago and is a regalico with marble effect. It was set up by M. McKenzie, an expert from Sacramento. This beautiful addition to the church is the gift of a family of this city, whose name is withheld by request. The old altar will be shipped to Anderson for the new church which has just been completed there.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, July 27, 1913**

Mass in Kennett at 7:30 a.m. and in Castella at 10:30 a.m.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Wednesday, December 24, 1913**

Christmas Day In St. Joseph's Church—The Christmas day program for St. Joseph's Catholic church, Redding, is as follows. Mass at 6 o'clock and 8 o'clock. High mass at 10:30, followed by the benediction. The children's Christmas tree will be at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Friday, February 6, 1914**

Father Tevlin Is A Hospital Prisoner—Father Tevlin, priest of the Redding parish, is a willing prisoner in St. Caroline hospital. He has blood poisoning in a foot. The case is not at all serious, Dr. Stabel says, but it is serious enough to hold Father Tevlin in the hospital for several days.

So there will be no services in the Catholic church in this city Sunday.

Father Tevlin walked down from Kennett the other day, the trains being out of gear. He is not accustomed to counting ties. In the long tramp he injured a foot and now he is up against blood-poisoning.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, February 7, 1914**

Sunday School In St. Joseph's—There will be Sunday school in St. Joseph's church at 10:30 Sunday morning. Father Tevlin is ill. There will be no celebration of mass, but Sunday school will be held as usual.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Friday, February 13, 1914**

Father Tevlin, who has been ill in St. Caroline hospital for nearly a week, is fast recovering. According to Dr. F. Stabel, Father Tevlin will be able to resume his duties next Sunday morning.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Friday, March 20, 1914**

Father Tevlin returned Thursday night from Kennett, where he held services day before yesterday morning. Father Tevlin visited the Mammoth mine settlement yesterday.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Tuesday, May 12, 1914**

Priest of Redding Parish Resigns–Father Christopher Tevlin, priest in charge of the Redding parish since January a year ago, has resigned his position. Father Tevlin will leave tonight on a trip that has Ireland for its termination. He will stop at Red Bluff and Winnemucca, Nev. to visit friends at each place for a day or two and then he will go on to Rock Island, Ill. to visit a sister, who is sister superior of a convent. It has been eighteen years since Father Tevlin left Ireland. So he looks forward with a great deal of pleasure to the visit to the scenes of his childhood. He expects to return to America after he has made a good long visit to the Emerald Isle.

Father Tevlin came here over a year ago from Arcata, Humboldt County. During his residence in Redding he has made many friends, both within the church and outside. He leaves Redding with the good will of all his parishioners. Bishop Grace has not yet named Father Tevlin's successor in Redding.

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REV. THOMAS J. HAYES, PASTOR

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, May 17, 1914**

Rev. Father Leonard of Sacramento came to Redding on the local Saturday evening. He will conduct mass at St. Joseph's church today.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, May 22, 1914**

Rev. Father Hayes To Succeed Father Tevlin—Rev. Father Hayes of St. Mary's cathedral, Sacramento, will succeed Rev. Father Tevlin in the local Catholic parish. Rev. Father Hayes will hold his first mass next Sunday at 11 o'clock. The new comer has been in Sacramento several years and his departure for this city is regarded in the capital as a distinct loss.

Father Thomas J. Hayes, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish from 1914 to 1921
(Courtesy Mr. & Mrs. Dan Coughlin)

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, May 30, 1914**

Rev. Father Hayes Here—Rev. Father Hayes of Sacramento arrived in Redding Friday. He is the new priest for this parish and is meeting the people of Redding as fast as he has the opportunity. He will hold mass Sunday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Joseph's church.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, June 13, 1914**

Catholic Services Follow Schedule—Until further notice the hours for Catholic services in Redding, Kennett and Anderson will be as follows:

Redding—Mass will be said the first Sunday of each month at 7:45 a.m.; on the other Sundays at 9 a.m.

Kennett—Mass will be said on the second and fourth Sundays at 9 a.m.

Anderson—Mass will be said on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, July 11, 1914**

Father Hayes went to Kennett this morning, expecting to celebrate mass there at 9 o'clock in the morning. He will spend Sunday in Castella, celebrating mass there at 9:30 a.m.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, August 30, 1914**

Mass at St. Joseph's church, Redding, Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. A requiem mass will be celebrated at 8 o'clock Monday morning, August 31, for the late Holy Father, Pius X.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, September 13, 1914**

Mass in Redding at 9 o'clock. Sunday school will open after mass, and parents are earnestly requested to see that their children are present.

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St. Joseph Church, Redding, California.

League of the Sacred Heart–Beryl Crossley, Ruth Bittinger, Dorothea Saeltzer, Grace Doebelin, Mamie Nachreiner, Eva Miller, Nellie Flannigan, Katherine Nichols, Della Nichols, Merian Donohue, Frances Schuchert, Mrs. Marie Hurst, Mrs. Alice Dunn.

Robert Desmond, Luke Crowley, Clifford R. Saeltzer, Harold Lowden, Manuel Brass, John Brass, James Robinson, Stephen Nachreiner, Charles Nichols, Anton Nachreiner, Ambrose Desmond.

NOTE: *Margaret Flanagan Bradshaw places the date of the above about 1914.*

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, September 25, 1914**

Garden Fete at Kleineberg Home–A garden party and lawn musical will be given Sunday evening, September 27, at 8:30 o'clock at 419 Oregon street, corner Butte street. The affair is given preparatory to the Catholic fair to be held in the band pavilion on the 19th and 20th and 21st, of November. An excellent program has been arranged by Miss Mary E. Field and an enjoyable evening is promised to those who will attend. Admission, adults, 25; children, 10 c.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, October 17, 1914**

Special Services At The Catholic Church–Sunday, October 18, a mission will open in St. Joseph's church at the 10 o'clock mass. The services will be conducted by a noted preacher from San Francisco, Father Dalton, a member of the Dominican order.

All are cordially invited to attend, and those who avail themselves of the opportunity, will hear a masterly exposition of the teachings of the Catholic Church.

The hours of services will be: Next Sunday, mass and opening of the mission at 10 o'clock. During the week masses each morning at 6 and 8 o'clock, with short instruction. Stations of the cross each afternoon at 4 o'clock. Evening services, consisting of rosary, sermon and benediction of the most holy sacrament, at 7:30.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, November 18, 1914**

Beauty Contest To Be A Feature Of Catholic Fair–A special feature of the Catholic fair to be held at Jacobson's hall this week will be a voting contest for the best looking and most popular young man and young woman in Redding. Votes may be obtained on all three nights of the fair at the juvenile booth.

Out of a list of fifty the following have been selected as candidates. Handsome prizes will be awarded the winners: George Michaud, Leonard Gilzean, Earnest Vogel, Albert Roberts, Fred Smith, John Bartosh, Jesse Morgan, Dorn Isaacs, Harry Thompson, Lela Kenney, Belle Newman, Donna Logan, Martha Moss, Carrie Marty, Alice Modglin.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Friday, November 20, 1914**

Beauty Contest A Feature of Fair–Crowds of merrymakers enjoyed the festivities at the opening of the Catholic fair at Jacobson's hall Thursday evening. The booths are tastefully decorated and packed with useful and fancy articles which command ready sale. Dancing was enjoyed last evening and tonight card parties will be special features of the fair. Saturday evening there will be some novel innovations.

The beauty contest is attracting great interest. Miss Lela Kenney is leading with 400 votes and Miss Donna Logan second with 390. Here is a list of the booths and those in charge:

Juvenile–Mrs. C. Kleineberg and Mrs. C. P. Huff, assisted by Miss Marie Field, Mrs. Francis Carr and Mrs. William Harrington.

Fancywork–Mrs. R. M. Saeltzer and Miss Lizzie Corrigan, assisted by Mrs. Burton Smith and Mrs. Ferdinand Hurst.

Country Store–Mrs. William Masterson, Miss L. Schmidt and Mrs. Charles Boyce.

Fish Pond–Miss Ida Kenney, Miss Lola Kenney and Miss Victoria Joseph.

Cigars, cigarettes–Mrs. R. Roycroft, Mrs. Kottkamp, Miss Donna Logan and Miss May Woods.

Flowers–Mrs. Dennis Desmond and Mrs. R. G. Dunn.

Candy–Miss Isabelle Miller, Miss Eva Miller and Miss Elsie Schuchert.

Refreshments–Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Booker, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Schuchert.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, November 21, 1914**

To Bring Catholic Fair To Its Close Tonight–The Catholic fair will close tonight at Jacobson's hall. Many unique features are planned, the most attractive of which will be the dancing of the minuet in colonial costumes by the following ladies: Mrs. McMurray and Mrs. Huff, Mrs. Collum and Miss Field, Miss Newman and Miss Kenny, Mrs. R. A. Saeltzer and Mrs. Kottkamp.

The beauty contest is rushing to a fast and furious finish. Miss Donna Logan and Miss Lela Kenny are the favorites with Miss Logan just a little ahead. Friends of both are working hard. But then there may be surprises in store.

There remain some of the most beautiful articles to be disposed of.

Father Hayes has been an enthusiastic worker for the success of the fair.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 24, 1914**

Catholic Fair Proceeds Over Eleven Hundred– The Catholic fair, which closed Saturday night, showed it proceeds to be over $1100 when the money taken in was counted Sunday evening. This money will be used in part for repairs on St. Joseph's church, but the body of it will be put aside for the present.

Among those who received awards Saturday night were Miss Alice Bryson, silverware set; Robert Atchison, suit of clothes; Mrs. R. M. Saeltzer, hanging lamp; C. C. McCray, table lamp.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, February 5, 1915**

Special Services At Catholic Church–Rev. Father Dalton, O. P., the distinguished missionary who conducted the mission in St. Joseph's church last October, will be in Redding again next Sunday as the guest of Father Hayes. Father Dalton will speak at both the morning and evening services.

There will be mass at 8 o'clock and 10:30, the latter being a high mass at which the choir, under the direction of Miss Mary Field, will render Roswig's mass in F. The choir will include the following: Mrs. F. Kottkamp, Mrs. C. Kleineberg, Mrs. C. P. Huff, Mrs. Brown and Miss Donna Logan; Edwin Moore and Arthur Rule.

The evening services will commence at 7:30.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Thursday, March 18, 1915**

St. Patrick's Fete A Great Success–St. Patrick's day was observed at Jacobson's hall Wednesday evening with great enthusiasm. The concert and dance attracted one of the largest crowds at an affair of this kind in Redding for many moons. The various numbers of the program provoked rounds of applause. The following were the numbers:

Irish selection, orchestra; "Little Irish Girl," solo by Mrs. R. E. Brown; "Macushla," solo by Kenneth Moody; "Kerry Dance," solo by Mrs. N. B. Frisbie; "My Love is Like the Red, Red Rose," solo by Herbert Moody; "Come Back to Erin," trio by Mrs. C. Kleineberg, Mrs. R. E. Brown and Edwin Moore; "Star Spangled Banner," by audience. Miss Marie Field was accompanist.

Dancing followed and was continued until a late hour. There were two prize dances. Jesse LeFebvre and Miss Martha Moss took the prize for the waltz and Thomas (Stub) Gardner and Miss Maude Gregory were awarded the prize for the three step.

The proceeds of the entertainment will be used in beautifying the Catholic cemetery. The ladies who arranged the affair in co-operation with Father Hayes were congratulated on all hands for the success of the affair. About $150 was realized. The committee this morning asked the *Courier-Free Press* to convey its thanks to all helpers.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, March 18, 1915**

Entertainment Was Pleasing To Many–The St. Patrick's day entertainment Wednesday evening at Jacobson's Hall was an unqualified success. The attendance was flattering to the entertainers, who were in turn amply repaid for their presence. There was the atmosphere of St. Patrick's day, suggested by decorations and the holiday spirit of the people.

The takers of the prize waltz were Jesse LeFebvre and Miss Martha Moss. The prize was a pair of silk stockings. There was no division of the spoils between the joint winners.

Thomas (Stub) Gardner and Miss Maud Gregory took the three step prize. They were awarded a stick pin and pair of stockings, respectively. . . .

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Monday, April 5, 1915**

Easter Services at St. Joseph's Catholic Church–The Easter services at St. Joseph's church were worthy of the great event they commemorated. The decoration scheme was carried out under the direction of Miss Corrigan and Mrs. Hurst, and the altars were beautiful with a profusion of flowers and lights. The church was thronged to its capacity and the large congregation was delighted with a rendering of sacred music such as had never been heard in Redding before. So well trained was the choir and so rich in excellent voices that it might have sung unashamed in the cathedrals of our great cities. The credit is due in great measure to Miss Mary Field, who is a talented organist and a capable director. The members of the choir were Mrs. Kleineberg, Mrs. R. Brown, Mrs. Kottkamp, Mrs. Huff, Edwin Rule and Arthur Rule. In the sermon which was procured from the text: "If Christ be not risen from the dead, vain is our preaching, vain is your faith." Father Hayes insisted on the fundamental fact of Christianity, namely, the Divinity of Christ. The altar boys were John Desmond, Harry Sechrist, Victor Miller and Willie Nachreiner.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, July 24, 1915**

Father Hayes will be in Castella for mass on Sunday. There will be no services in Redding.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Monday, November 29, 1915**

Catholic Church To Be Improved–John Foley, after spending Sunday in this city as the guest of Father Hayes returned to his home in San Francisco, on train 13 in the evening. Foley is an architect and was discussing with Father Hayes plans for improvements to be made on the church in the spring.

COURIER-FREE PRESS **Thursday, December 23, 1915**

Catholic Church Special Music–On Christmas morning mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's church at 8 o'clock and 10:30. The mass at 10:30 will be a high mass.

The choir will include Mrs. F. Kottkamp, Miss M. B. O'Reilly, Edwin Moore, Joseph Sauer, Miss Mary Field. Miss Bessie Scamman will preside at the organ.

The mass rendered will be that of Concone, one of the most beautiful in the whole range of sacred music. Those who hear it will enjoy a rare treat.

Mr. Moore will render Adam's "Oh Holy Night," as a solo; and the full choir will sing that grandest of all Christmas hymns, "Adeste Fideles."

At the conclusion of the mass benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be given, and there will be no evening devotions.

On Sunday, mass will be as usual at 10 o'clock with evening devotions at 7:30 o'clock.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Tuesday, February 1, 1916**

Father Hayes Is Given Surprise–Father Thomas Hayes of St. Joseph's church was given a surprise Monday evening by the members of St. Joseph's choir when they called in a body at his residence in Sacramento street. After the evening had been pleasantly spent in playing "500" and social chat a delightful repast was served the guests by Father Hayes.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moore, Mrs. and Mrs. F. C. Kottkamp, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Nelson, Mrs. C. C. Kleineberg, Mrs. M. Kendall, Miss Marie Field, Miss M. B. O'Reilly, John J. Bartosh, Christ Kleineberg, Joseph Sauer, Joseph Hoefer and Father Hayes.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, March 18, 1916**

Church Program A Huge Success–Several hundred persons attended the entertainment given in Jacobson's hall last night by the Catholic church in honor of St. Patrick's birthday. The musical program arranged by Miss Mary Field was well done and the several numbers received generous applause. Dancing and cards provided an enjoyable evening for all and a neat sum was realized for the church. The affair throughout was the most successful ever held by the church.

About $150 was cleared by the church and this amount will be devoted to improvement of the Catholic cemetery. Miss Field who arranged the program and Father Hayes who had general supervision of the plans deserve great credit for their success.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, June 2, 1916**

Repairing Catholic Church–Workmen are repairing the Catholic church, almost making a new edifice of it. The stucco work on the outside will be replaced by a concrete wall built from the brick basement upward. The inside will be replastered and touched up generally. The expenditure on betterments will approximate $4,000.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, June 6, 1916**

40 Confirmed In Catholic Church–The rite of confirmation was administered Sunday in the Catholic church to forty by Rt. Reverend Bishop Thomas Grace of Sacramento. Assisting in the solemn ceremonial were Reverend Father Patrick Guerin

of Chico, Reverend Father Phillip Brady of Red Bluff and Reverend Father Thomas Hayes of Redding.

The names of those confirmed are given according to address:

Redding—Floyd Aloysius Fowler, Robert Timothy Desmond, Maria Theresa Nachreiner, Alfred Anthony Miller, John Timothy Desmond, William Martin Nachreiner, Manuel Joseph Salvador, Victor Francis Miller, Eleanor Catherine Donohoe, Alma Anna Kendrick, Mary Julia Kendrick, Mary Joseph Orsini, Mary Elizabeth Coughlin, Joseph Manuel Salvador, Bonaventura Joseph Salvador, Henry Joseph Schuchert, Caroline Frances Nachreiner, Mary Catherine Halter, Stephen Martin Nachreiner, Daniel Joseph Coughlin and Wolfgang Joseph Nachreiner.

Anderson—Dorothy Helen Reilly, Mary Lucille Reilly, George Eugene Sheridan, Margaret Martha Sheridan, Helen Hanora Hall, Evelyn Mary Sheperson, Lucian Alexander Sheperson and Joseph Jerome Sheperson.

Kennett—Dominic David Kobe, John Paul Kobe, Ruth Cecilia Goss, Peter Louis Predovich, Nicolas Charles Predovich and Anthony Richard Kobe.

Stella—Edith Johanna Hampton and Henry Michael Hampton.

Red Bluff—Mildred Cecelia Topping.

Whitmore—Rene Paul St. Vrain.

NOTE: *There are only thirty-nine names in this list.*

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Tuesday, September 19, 1916**

Catholics To Dedicate New Church Soon—The work of renovating St. Joseph's Catholic church, begun last May, is nearing completion and the building stands today the finest edifice of its kind in this section of the state, a monument to the untiring efforts of Rev. Father Thomas J. Hayes.

The old church, a frame structure, veneered on the outside with stucco work, has been encased in a six-inch wall of reinforced concrete. The whole exterior is beautifully panelled. Heavy reinforced cement moldings on windows, water table, eaves and tower give the structure a finished effect and do away completely with the flat monotony of the old building.

Inside, the church has been replastered. A beautiful and appropriate stained glass window, representing St. Cecilia, patroness of music, has been placed in the choir loft, and over the main entrance, a stained glass bust of St. Joseph, titular saint of the church.

The interior decorations are very appealing. The work was given a well known firm of San Francisco artists and the result can not be duplicated in any church this side of the bay cities, it is said.

The building, when completed, will be fitted with a modern heating plant so it will be up to date in every respect.

It is planned to open the church on the first Sunday in October.

F. Costa, who has charge of the erection of the Redding theater, held the contract for renovating the church.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, October 8, 1916**

Sister Dolores Passed Away In Convent In Red Bluff Saturday—Red Bluff, Oct. 7—Sister Dolores (Miss Lena Garrecht) passed away in the convent here soon after midnight this morning, after an illness of only two days. She was beyond three score and ten years of age. The funeral will be held Monday.

Sister Dolores was formerly a resident of the old town of Shasta, where she leaves relatives. She took the veil over forty years ago.

Sister Dolores was a sister of Mrs. Henry Blumb of Shasta. Henry Franck and brothers of French Gulch and Louis Garrecht of Redding are her nephews. She was an aunt of Mrs. Carl R. Briggs and Mrs. J. W. Schoonover of Redding.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Monday, October 9, 1916**

Aged Sister Is Called Beyond–Louis Garrecht and his sister, Mrs. William J. Schoonover, were summoned to Red Bluff Sunday evening on account of the death of their aunt, Miss Lena Garrecht. The funeral was held Monday morning from the Catholic church. Miss Garrecht was 70 years old and for 40 years had been a sister of mercy in the Red Bluff and Yreka convents. In 1853 Miss Garrecht moved to the old mining camp of Shasta and remained with her parents until she became a nun.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Monday, October 9, 1916**

Catholics Plan Fair Next Month–At a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting held at St. Joseph's church Sunday night it was decided to hold a fair for the purpose of paying off a portion of the debt of $5,000 incurred this summer in the rebuilding of the edifice which stands today one of the finest structures of its kind in the northern part of the state.

The opening night of the fair was fixed for November 23. It will continue three nights. The twelve booths, presided over by the youth and beauty of the Queen city, will be stocked with everything from a needle to an anchor. Christmas presents, turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner, candies for the only girl in the world, will be there in profusion. Music for lovers of the light fantastic and punch with a stick in it will be on tap too. In fact, everything possible will be done to insure a glorious time to those who come.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 7, 1916**

Committees Named For Catholic Fair–Preparations are rapidly nearing completion for the fair in aid of St. Joseph's church to be held in Jacobson's hall November 23, 24 and 25.

The church was completely renovated the past summer at considerable cost and stands today the most beautiful and substantial edifice of its kind in this section of the state, and a credit to the city of Redding.

Great enthusiasm is being shown, not only by members of St. Joseph's church, but by the citizens generally, and the fair promises to be a splendid success.

The following is a list of booths and the names of those interested:

Fancy booth–Mrs. C. Kleineberg, Mrs. Ferdinand Stabel, Mrs. Joseph Hoefer, Mrs. John William Hare, Mrs. R. E. Collins, Mrs. Ferdinand Hurst, Miss Donna Logan and the Misses Ida and Lela Kenney.

Doll booth–Miss Mary E. Field, Mrs. J. E. Barber, Miss Dorothea Saeltzer, Mrs. C. W. Barr, Mrs. Hernandez, Miss Jaegel, Miss Genevieve Peterson and Miss Celina Zeis.

Flower booth–Mrs. Dennis Desmond, Mrs. Jerry Desmond and assistants.

Dining room–Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Mier, Mrs. Schuchert and Miss Teresa Nachreiner.

Candy booth–Mrs. Stephen Coughlin and the Misses Frances Schuchert and Marguerite Kendall.

Punch booth–The Misses Eva Miller and Rena Petrelli.

Cigar booth–The Misses Virginia Wood, Gertrude Mullen, Anna Mullen and May Desmond.

Country store–Mr. and Mrs. William Harrington and assistants.

Ice cream booth–Mrs. Thomas Mullen, Miss Anna Mullen and assistants.

Parcel Post booth–Mrs. Field-Murphy and assistants.

Fish pond–Luke Crowley and Ambrose Desmond.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, November 11, 1916**

Bishop To Dedicate St. Joseph's Church–Right Reverend Bishop Grace of Sacramento will be in Redding Sunday to preside at the solemn ceremony of dedicating St.

Joseph's Catholic church. The building has just been completely renovated, inside and out, and is today, without doubt, the finest church edifice in the northern part of the state.

There will be two masses on Sunday, the first at 8 o'clock celebrated by the bishop, the second at 10 o'clock. The latter will be a high mass, for which the choir, under the direction of Miss Mary Field, is preparing an excellent program of sacred music.

The ceremony of dedication will take place immediately before the high mass. Everybody will be made cordially welcome.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 14, 1916**

Bishop Dedicates Catholic Church—Redding's finest edifice, the rebuilt St. Joseph's Catholic church, was formally dedicated Sunday morning following the holding of a double mass. Right Rev. Bishop Grace of Sacramento was assisted by Rev. Fathers Guldin of Chico, Carr of Dunsmuir and Brady of Red Bluff. The church was filled with worshippers and spectators during the impressive ceremony. Bishop Grace delivered an eloquent sermon.

St. Joseph Church, Renovated church dedicated November 12, 1916 by Bishop Thomas Grace
(Chester Mullen Collection, courtesy Wanda Grooms Adams)

The rich interior of St. Joseph's was the subject of much favorable comment and hearty praise was bestowed upon Rev. Father Hayes, whose efforts have accomplished the transformation in a short time.

Beautiful music was provided under the direction of Miss Mary Field.

SHASTA COURIER **Tuesday, November 21, 1916**

Catholic Fair Opens Thursday—The fair in aid of the new St. Joseph's church will open Thursday evening at Jacobson's Hall, and everything points to a splendid success.

Judge J. E. Barber will start the ball rolling with an appropriate speech at 8:30 sharp. The Redding Band orchestra will be there to tickle the ears and electrify the toes of the dancers with its liveliest music. And in the various booths there will be a profusion of good things to eat and pretty things to wear, at prices which will knock the high cost of living into a cocked hat.

Such punch and ice cream and candy and sandwiches and coffee as will be there! And such prizes to be won with a 50-cent piece or a quarter or even an ordinary dime. Some of them are on exhibition now at Everybody's Drug store, Market and Yuba street.

The program for Friday and Saturday evenings will be announced later; but all three will be splendid and well worth the price of admission.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Monday, November 27, 1916**

Catholic Fair Nets Over $1100—At a meeting of the Catholic Fair committee held last evening, it was found the venture, which, from a social standpoint was a splendid success, realized even more than was anticipated. The gross receipts were close to $1200. The expenses approximated $75, leaving a net fund of $1125 to be paid on the church debt of $5000.

Among the fortunate winners of prizes were Mrs. William Candrick, who won the davenport; J. Joseph of Millville, the suit of clothes; Mrs. A. M. Dick, the boudoir set;

William Reilly of Anderson the electric lamp and Gertrude Harris the doll.

The following also were lucky: Lela Kenney, Dudley Saeltzer, Mrs. William Wood, Alma Tillman, John Desmond, Mrs. Croney, Dennis Desmond, Mrs. Luke McDonald, Mrs. Jones, W. A. Nichols, Mr. George H. Sechrist and Mrs. J. G. Estep.

The ladies in charge of the fair desire to thank very sincerely all those who either by donations or patronage helped to make the undertaking so successful.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, December 23, 1916**

Christmas Services At St. Joseph's Church—On Christmas morning there will be three masses in St. Joseph's church. The first will be at 6 o'clock, the second at 8, and the third, which will be a high mass, at 10:30.

The choir under the direction of Miss Mary Field is preparing a very fine program of music. The altars will be beautifully decorated in honor of the greatest of Christian feasts, and a realistic representation of the scene in Bethlehem on the first Christmas night, will be erected in the church and remain to be viewed by all who desire during the Christmas season.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Wednesday, March 7, 1917**

Catholics Plan For Big Night—Preparations are in full swing for the big celebration of St. Patrick's day to be pulled off in Jacobson's hall, Saturday evening, March 17th. Everything points to its being the best of its kind ever held in Redding.

A splendid vocal and instrumental program is being arranged under the direction of Miss Mary Field. Card tables with prizes to play for, will furnish amusement for those who like the quiet life. Walter H. Fink's orchestra will not permit anybody's feet to behave and a punch worthy of the day celebrated will be on tap in unlimited quantities to shed its genial glow over all. There will also be good things to eat. Curtain at 8:30 sharp.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Monday, March 19, 1917**

$135 Realized By St. Joseph's—The St. Patrick's party given by St. Joseph's church at Jacobson's hall Saturday night was a splendid success.

The hall was crowded to the doors and $135 was cleared by the church.

A program of Irish airs was followed by dancing and cards. The money will be used to build a cement curb around the church property.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, April 22, 1917**

Father P. J. Cronin of Weaverville, who had been in Marysville to attend the funeral of Father Coleman, was the guest of Father Thomas Hayes in this city Friday night. Father Cronin left for his Trinity county parish Saturday morning.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, September 14, 1917**

Twenty-Seven At Priests' Retreat—Grass Valley, September 13—Twenty-seven priests are in attendance upon the retreat of the Catholic diocese of Sacramento at the retreat house here.

Bishop Grace is presiding, and the conferences are given by Rev. R. J. O'Reilly, a Jesuit missionary.

The retreat will close tomorrow, in order to give the priests time to reach their charges Sunday.

The following are in attendance: Rev. W. O'Toole and Rev. M. Lyons, cathedral, Sacramento; Rev. P. O'Sullivan, Oak Park; Rev. A. Gavin, Auburn; Rev. P. Nolan, Crescent City; Rev. J. McGarry, Downieville; Rev. P. Kennedy, Eureka; Rev. M. Gaffney, Fortuna; Rev. D. Leen, Grass Valley; Rev. M. O'Connor, Jackson; Rev. T. Molyneaux, Jamestown; Rev. M. Coen, Marysville; Rev. M. Hynes, Maxwell; Rev. R. O'Reilly, Nevada City; Rev. J. J. Hynes, Oroville; Rev. M. Cahir, Placerville; Rev. T. J.

Hayes, Redding; Rev. M. McNaboe, Roseville; Rev. P. J. O'Reilly, Susanville; Rev. M. O'Reilly, Truckee; Rev. P. Cronin, Weaverville; Rev. P. C. McCarthy, Yreka; Rev. H. Meisekothen, Red Bluff; Rev. T. Dermody, Lovelock, Nevada; Rev. P. Meehan, Winnemucca, Nevada.

The retreat closes tomorrow.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, December 23, 1917**

Christmas Program At St. Joseph's Church—The great feast of Chirstmas will be observed at St. Joseph's church with all the solemnity befitting the event commemorated. There will be three masses that morning; the first at 6 o'clock, the second at 8 and the third, which will be a high mass, at 10:30.

The choir, under the direction of Miss Mary E. Field, will render Rosewig's Mass in F. The sopranos will be Mrs. Kleineberg, Mrs. J. Piaceski and Miss Nelda Briggs; tenor, Earl Kelly; alto, Miss Mary E. Field; bass, Edwin Moore; organist, Mrs. Edwin Moore. A sermon in keeping with the spirit of the day will be delivered. Mr. Kelly and Miss Briggs will sing "Adeste Fideles" as an offertory and Mr. Moore will render, "O, Holy Night" at the conclusion of the mass.

A beautiful production of the sacred scene in Bethlehem will be set up in the church, to remain during the Christmas season.

The public is cordially invited to be present at the services Christmas morning, and to visit the church during the Christmas season.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Wednesday, January 9, 1918**

County Gives K. of C. $500 For War Fund—The board of supervisors Wednesday morning voted an appropriation of $500 to the Knights of Columbus war fund. A committee composed of Father Thomas J. Hayes, Francis Carr and Dennis Desmond appeared before the supervisors to make the request.

The Knights of Columbus are carrying on the same kind of work among the nation's soldiers as the Y. M. C. A. and the good being done by the organization recently was approved by the President.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Friday, February 22, 1918**

Owing to the fact that the Rev. Father Hayes, pastor of the Catholic church, has been called to Copper City there will be no services in the church this Friday night.

SHASTA COURIER **Tuesday, March 19, 1918**

$200 Made At St. Patrick's Entertainment—The St. Patrick's celebration organized by the ladies of St. Joseph's church was a splendid success. The largest crowd of merrymakers seen in Redding in many moons thronged Jacobson's hall to do honor to Ireland's national saint and to enjoy the many features of the evening's entertainment. The musical program was a treat and Attorney Laurence Kennedy's exposition of Red Cross work struck a responsive chord.

Financially the affair passed the expectations of the ladies. The net proceeds will amount to something over $200, half of which will be handed over to the local Red Cross chapter.

SHASTA COURIER **Tuesday, October 15, 1918**

Theatre And Churches Are Closed As Precautionary Move To Keep Down The Influenza—Late this afternoon after pages two and three of the paper had gone to press, City Health officer Ernest Rolison issued an order closing the theater and the churches. Notices of both appearing on the inside of the paper therefore are not to be considered.

Rolison's action followed a telegram from W. H. Kellogg, secretary of the state board of health. . . .

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, October 18, 1918**

Father Hayes Ill—Father Thomas J. Hayes is confined to the parish house by illness. He has the influenza with the rest of the folks in Redding.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Thursday, November 14, 1918**

Churches And Theatre Will Be Reopened—The city trustees met in regular session Wednesday evening and threshed out various business affairs that have been hanging fire for several weeks on account of the epidemic.

The city board of health reported the influenza condition was rapidly improving and that no further outbreak was feared. It was decided the churches could open Sunday morning for their regular services. James Woods, manager of the Redding theater, was notified that he might open his place for business Monday afternoon.

The Shasta Union High School and the Redding Grammar schools will not open until Monday after Thanksgiving or on December 2.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, February 11, 1919**

Catholic Church Is Free Of Debt—The Catholic church in Redding is now the property of Bishop Thomas Grace of Sacramento. Ever since June 5, 1916, the First Savings Bank of Shasta County has held a trust deed for $3000, the money having been used in making extensive improvements. That trust deed was wiped off the records yesterday. Father Thomas Hayes raised the largest part of the money in donations of Liberty bonds. According to the rules of the church all the real property in the diocese stands in the name of the bishop.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, March 18, 1919**

Ireland Came Into Her Own Last Night— . . . The question propounded and answered by L. J. Kennedy, "What About Ireland?" was an edifying discourse on the Irish situation. . . .

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, May 17, 1919**

Bishop Grace To Confirm Thirty—Right Reverend Thomas Grace, D.D., bishop of the Sacramento diocese, will officiate Sunday morning in St. Joseph's church, where he will administer the sacrament of confirmation to a class of thirty children and adults.

Mass will be celebrated at 8 o'clock and 10:30. The latter will be a High mass during which the choir under direction of Miss Mary E. Field will render Battmann's Mass in C.

Bishop Grace, who is widely known as a pulpit orator, will preach. The ceremony of confirmation will take place after mass and the services will conclude with benediction.

The bishop is not a stranger in Shasta county. Over fifty years ago he officiated in Old Shasta as a young priest, and was known and loved by the argonauts. He anticipates with pleasure his visit to the scene of his early labors.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, May 18, 1919**

For Confirmation In Catholic Church—Following is a list of those who will be confirmed in the Catholic Church Sunday morning by Right Reverend Thomas Grace, bishop of the Sacramento diocese:

Redding—Marie Helen Schuchert, Margaret Catherine Desmond, Kathleen Elizabeth Lowden, Della Lucille Nichols, Gertrude Elizabeth Nachreiner, Julia Elizabeth Nichols, Nora Teresa Candrick, James Stephen Coughlin, Grace Margaret Shilling, Mrs. Lucy Teresa Alvarez, Mrs. Mary Margaret Carey.

Keswick—Virgil Joseph Simpson, Dorothy Margaret Simpson.

Anderson—William Joseph Dais, Amelia Margaret Dais, Francis Raymond Kendall, Rose Catherine Pape, Lucille Mary Pape, Josephine Elizabeth Dais, Irene Teresa Dais, Mrs. Mary Wheeler, Lloyd Joseph Smith.

Bella Vista—Albert George Gander, Edward Joseph Gander.

Kennett—Rose Margaret Kobe, Jane Catherine Troya, Rose Magdalene Predovich, Peter Paul Smilanich, Daniel Michael Smilanich, George Joseph Smith.

Buckeye—Mary Elizabeth Flanagan, Anna Francis Cleone, James Joseph Flanagan.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, December 24, 1919**

Fine Music At St. Joseph's Church—The festival of Christmas will be celebrated at St. Joseph's church with solemnity befitting the day. The sanctuary will be decorated with carnations and poinsettas and a beautiful representation of the Christmas scene at Bethlehem will be arranged to remain during the holidays.

Masses will be celebrated at 6, 8 and 10:30 on Christmas morning. At the last mass the choir, under the direction of Miss Mary E. Field, will render a fine selection of Christmas hymns and carols. The program follows:

"Angels We Have Heard On High "(old French melody), full choir;" Adeste Fidelis," S. G. Nelson and male quartet; "What Lovely Infant Can This Be?" (ancient carol), sung as duet by Miss Field and Miss Kathleen Hannan; "O Holy Night," S. G. Nelson.

The choir includes Miss Field, organist; Kathleen Hannan, Frances and Marie Schuchert, Mrs. Mary Moore, Virginia Wood, May and Marjorie Desmond, S. G. Nelson, Dan Coughlin, Frank Hooper, Luke Crowley and John Desmond.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, March 7, 1920**

St. Patrick's Party Without The Punch—Although this happens to be a Leap year, nevertheless, St. Patrick's day will fall as usual on March 17, and arrangements for giving the patron saint of the little green isle a rousing reception are already well on the way. The program will include Irish songs and music and a talk on some phases of Ireland's fight for independence. There will be dancing, of course, and good things to eat. As for liquid refreshment, since we are now passing through the desert age of evolution, punch with refreshments in it is strictly against the law, and there you are.

NOTE: *On October 28, 1919, Congress passed the Volstead Prohibition Act over President Woodrow Wilson's veto. It prohibited the sale for beverage purposes of liquor containing over one half of one per cent alcohol.*

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, May 1, 1920**

Father Hayes To Visit Ireland—Father Thomas J. Hayes announces that on May 10 he will leave for Ireland, where he will visit his mother, whom he has not seen for fourteen years, and other relatives. He will be gone for six months, and in his absence Father McCarthy of Weaverville will look after the welfare of the Redding parish. Father Hayes is booked to leave New York on May 22 on board the "Columbia."

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, October 28 1921**

Father Hayes To Leave Next Week—Father Thomas J. Hayes, who has been assigned by Bishop Grace to the Placerville parish, will leave next week for his new charge. Father Hayes has been in Redding for seven years and his departure for another field will be regretted, not only by the members of his church, but also by everybody else in the community. Father Hayes has been a useful citizen in civic matters, though of course most of his energies were devoted to work within the church.

It is not known who will succeed Father Hayes in Redding. It is expected that Bishop Grace will make the assignment by the end of the week.

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REV. MICHAEL McNABOE, PASTOR

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 1, 1921**

Father M. McNaboe Named For Redding—Bishop Grace has appointed Father Michael McNaboe of Roseville to succeed Father Thomas J. Hayes in the Redding parish. Father Hayes will leave for his new parish at Placerville before the close of the week. Father Michael Myles, who has been Father Hayes' assistant in Redding, will be his assistant in Placerville also. Father Hayes bade his parishioners farewell at the Sunday services. He has been in Redding over seven years.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, December 21, 1921**

Bishop Grace Is Seriously Ill—Sacramento, December 20.—Reports received yesterday from the bedside of Bishop Grace, the venerable head of the Sacramento Catholic diocese, are to the effect that his condition is very serious. He has been in ill health for some time, following a paralytic stroke, and coming at the age of 84 years, has made his recovery very doubtful.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, December 28, 1921**

Bishop Grace Is Dead At Capital—Sacramento, December 27.—Thomas Grace, bishop of the Sacramento diocese of the Catholic church for over 25 years, died here today.

He has been in northern California and Nevada over fifty years.

He was stationed at Red Bluff and Marysville before coming to Sacramento. He was born in Ireland in 1841.

The funeral will be held from the cathedral Friday morning at 10 o'clock, Archbishop E. J. Hanna of San Francisco celebrating the mass. Office of the dead will be chanted at the cathedral by the priests Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, January 1, 1922**

Father M. F. McNaboe returned Saturday from Sacramento, where he was called to attend the funeral of Bishop Grace which was held Friday morning.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Friday, June 23, 1922**

Father P. J. Cronin Made Pastor Here—Father P. J. Cronin of Dunsmuir has been placed in charge of the Redding parish of the Catholic church vice Father M. F. McNaboe, who has been granted a long vacation on account of poor health. Father McNaboe has been in Redding about a year and during that time has proved a great favorite with his parishioners and has made many friends in all creeds in this city. . . .

Redding, c. 1920 **(Shasta Historical Society)**

1922-1926

REV. PATRICK J. CRONIN, PASTOR

WEEKLY SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, June 30, 1922**

Catholic Priests In New Parishes—Father P. J. Cronin of Dunsmuir is assigned to Redding. A shifting of priests in Shasta and Siskiyou counties has been made this week.

On account of his impaired health, Father M. F. McNaboe, who has been priest for the Redding parish for nearly a year, has been given a long vacation, which he will spend at the springs.

Father P. J. Cronin of Dunsmuir has been placed in permanent charge of the Redding parish. Father James Greally of Yreka has been transferred to Dunsmuir. The appointment to the Yreka parish has not been announced.

Father Patrick Cronin, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish from 1922 to 1926 **(Catholic Herald)**

Father P. J. Cronin is no stranger in Redding, as he has been a frequent visitor here of late years. He became priest of the Weaverville parish in 1914. A few years later he was transferred to Goldfield, Nev., but soon after going there he joined the army and served as a chaplain until the end of the war.

Mrs. Jennie Flagg of Weaverville has come to Redding to be housekeeper for Father Cronin.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, October 7, 1922**

Father NcNaboe Assigned to Yreka-Yreka, October 6.—Father M. F. McNaboe arrived here Thursday from Woodland and assumed the pastorate of St. Joseph's Catholic church, succeeding Father James McEnaney, who has been transferred to Weaverville. . . .

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, November 25, 1922**

Bishop Keane Will Confirm A Class In St. Joseph's Sunday—Right Reverend Bishop Keane, bishop of the Sacramento diocese, will celebrate the first mass in St.

Joseph's church at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. At this mass those who are to be confirmed, will receive holy communion.

High mass at 10:30 will be sung by Father Barron of St. Agnes church, San Francisco. At this mass Bishop Keane will preside and preach. The choir will sing Emerson's mass in E flat. Offertory solo by James McLennan.

The choir is composed of Miss Wilhelmina Nock, James McLennan, Edwin Moore and Miss Mary E. Field; organist, Miss Mary E. Field.

After high mass the ceremony of confirmation will take place.

Bishop Keane, accompanied by Very Reverend P. Guerin of Marysville, will arrive in Redding this morning.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, November 26, 1922**

Class Of Forty To Be Confirmed At St. Joseph's Today—A class of forty young persons will assemble at St. Joseph's Catholic church today for confirmation by Bishop Keane. The list includes the following:

Redding—Ludy Nachreiner, John Twomey, William Twomey, Leo Twomey, Maurice Murphy, Leland Murphy, Richard Coughlin, John Fitzpatrick, Mildred Fitzpatrick, John Candrick, Stephen Candrick, Elizabeth Candrick, Thomas Cleone, Joe Cleone, John Franck, Eugene Franck, Edward Headrick, William Orsini, Lena Orsini, Virginia Orsini, Francis Carr, Lawrence Carr, Lucille Schuchert, Ruth Mulhern and Catherine Carr.

Anderson—Frank Sheperson, John Sheperson, Erma Kendall, Eugene Kendall, Elizabeth Manning, James Donnelly, Francis Hall, Henry Tormey, Mary Rachenco and Eugene Dais.

Kennett—Charles Boyle, Mary Smilanich, Mary Ferrari, Antoinette Ferrari and Rosina Faff.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, March 15, 1923**

St. Patrick's Day To Be Made Festive With An Entertainment, Dance—The track has been cleared for a customary and fitting observance of St. Patrick's Day by the members of St. Joseph's church, who will furnish a typically Irish program of entertainment Saturday night at Moose hall. All other attractions have been brushed aside for this special occasion that comes with the 17th of March, and never has a more interesting program been provided for the public.

There will be a dance of course and a supper, these to be preceded by the musical and literary program. Miss Mary Field has entire charge of the musical end of the work, and by past performances she has proven her ability to select an ideal St. Patrick's program. She announces the following arrangement of the numbers:

Opening Address—Francis Carr.

"Ireland, the Footstool of God" (Earnest Ball)—Edwin Moore.

Piano solo—Master Richard Coughlin.

"Kathleen Mavourneen" (J. U. Crouch)—Miss Wilhelmina Nock.

Dance—Master Francis Moore.

"Macushla" (Dermot McMurrough)—Herbert G. Moody.

Address—Rev. Father Cronin.

Cornet solo—Harvey Gilzean.

Vocal duet, "Where the River Shannon Flows"—Miss Nock, Edwin Moore.

Violin solo—William Rodman.

Vocal solo—Earl Lee Kelly.

"The Kerry Dance" (Malloy)—Mrs. Francis Carr, violin obligato, William Rodman.

"The Star Spangled Banner"—By the audience.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Friday, March 16, 1923

Miss Briggs Also—Through an inadvertence the name of Miss Nelda Briggs, who will provide a vocal solo for St. Patrick's night at the exercises to be held at Moose hall, was omitted in the program appearing in yesterday's *Searchlight*.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, September 20, 1924

Catholics Will Give Annual Bazaar Oct. 25—The annual Catholic bazaar and dance will be held in Moose Hall October 25, the last Saturday in the month. Fancy work pieces will be sold at the bazaar. The money will go toward paying for the cost of paving the street in front of the church. An orchestra has been secured for the dance, which will begin at 9 o'clock "and last till quitting time."

THE SEARCHLIGHT February 12, 1925

Redding Church Plans Week Of Mission Sermons— Something out of the ordinary, not only for Catholics but for the general public will be offered at the St. Joseph's church in Redding next week, starting Sunday, Father Connolly, a priest of the Dominican order, will begin a week of mission sermons at high mass Sunday at 10 o'clock.

The service is somewhat novel in Redding, the last of the same nature being held five or six years ago. Father Connolly has given a number of missions in California during the last two years. He comes with the reputation of being one of the best orators in the west.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Thursday, March 18, 1926

St. Patrick's Day Is Observed With Dance And Entertainment—Moose Hall was the scene Wednesday evening of a large assemblage of members of St. Joseph's Church, and friends from the city and adjacent districts, gathered to make merry in observance of St. Patrick's Day.

A program announced by the chairman, Father P. J. Cronin, was rendered as follows: Piano solo, Dick Coughlin; dance, LaDeim Cordi; Irish song, Edwin Moore, accompanied by Mrs. Moore; address, L. J. Kennedy; old fashioned dance, Miss Ione Nunes; piano solos, Miss Beth McNamar of Cottonwood; vocal solos, Miss Wilhelmina Nock; address, Rev. Father Cronin. Mrs. J. Vance played the accompaniment for the dancers and Mrs. R. Turner for the singers.

Following the closing number the evening was devoted to dancing, music being furnished by Zeis' Orchestra. A supper was served.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Sunday, April 4, 1926

There will be two masses celebrated in the Catholic church, low mass at 8 a.m. and high mass at 10:30 a.m. The following musical program will be rendered at high mass:

Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei from Farmer's Mass in B flat.

Gloria and Credo from Emerson's Mass in E Flat.

Offertory (Soprano solo), "Christ Triumphant," by Pietro A. Yon—Miss Wilhelmina Nock.

Agnus Dei (Tenor solo)—David R. Marr.

The choir is composed of the following: Sopranos, Miss Wilhelmina Nock, Mrs. R. J. Minear, Mrs. William A. Banigan; tenors, David R. Marr, Dan Coughlin; bass, Edwin Moore; organist, Dick Coughlin; director, David R. Marr.

—Rev. Father Patrick Cronin, priest.

Market Street, Redding, c. 1930, looking south from the City Hall (Shasta Historical Society)

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REV. ALPHONSUS T. GAVIN, PASTOR

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, July 14, 1926**

Father Cronin Has Been Transferred To Los Gatos—Father P. J. Cronin, who has been priest in charge of the local Catholic church for four years, has been transferred to Los Gatos and Father Gavin of Goldfield, Nevada, comes to take the local parish. He will be here next Sunday to assume charge.

Father Cronin was formerly in charge of the Weaverville church and during the war enlisted and served as a chaplain throughout the war. After peace was declared he went to Dunsmuir and from there came to Redding.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, January 4, 1927**

"The Nativity" In Tableaux Proves A Pleasing Offering— More than 200 people crowded St. Joseph's hall Sunday night at the presentation of "The Nativity," tableaux under the direction of Rev. James Healy, the performance of which is the first ever attempted in Redding. Carefully worked out, it proved decidedly impressive. One of the features which added much to the beauty of the tableaux was the showing of each under three lights, green, red, and blue successively. The scenery was effective and those taking part interpreted their roles with dignity and charm.

Father James Healy, Assistant Pastor, 1926-1927
(Courtesy Mrs. Sophia Forderhase)

In the cast were Lucile Schuchert, Catherine Twomey, Myrtle Hornberger, Elizabeth Marshall, Byron Forderhase, James Carr, Bobbie Woods, Richard Hendrick, Richard Rusconi, Paul Carr, George Alvarez, Elmer Rester, Francis Moore, Dorothy Cordi, Margaret Twomey, Betty Charles, Elinor Kennedy, Catherine Wolfe, Elizabeth Hendrick, LaDiem Cordi, Richard Coughlin, Mrs. R. F. Charles and Edwin Moore.

Mrs. R. J. Minear, Mrs. M. J. Twomey and Mrs. Charles had charge of the characters, dress and tableaux; Rev. J. Healy, R. J. Minear, M. Fitzgerald, R. F. Charles and William Bannigan had charge of the stage, lights and scenery, and Stephen Couglin Sr. supervised admittance.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, April 19, 1927**

Children and Grownups Enjoy Egg Hunt of Catholic Social Club—Two hundred children and grown persons attended the egg hunt at Hall's ranch near Anderson Sunday, given under the auspices of the Catholic Social Club. Games for the juveniles were followed by sports for the seniors. Mrs. Mullen's team won from the team captained by Mrs. Matt Twomey in a tug of war. The chewing gum competition yielded a valuable prize to Mark Marshall. The baseball game provided much enjoyment, but not even a newspaper decision was arrived at.

In the high school high jump T. Twomey and M. Charles tied for first place; Francis Moore won second place, and T. Bui won the long jump. M. Charles and Francis Moore led in the 100 yard dash. Beatrice Forderhase was the best egg hunter among the girls, and Paul Carr took home the rabbit for the boys.

A genuine old style picnic lunch concluded the afternoon's pleasure.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, May 28, 1927**

Beatrice Forderhase is Named Queen of Picnic and Treasure Hunt—Beatrice Forderhase was elected May queen by the Sunday school of St. Joseph's Catholic church, and will preside during the annual picnic and treasure hunt which will be held Sunday. After 8:30 mass at the church there will be a procession and the ceremony of crowning the May queen will take place.

At 11 o'clock members of the Sunday school, families and friends, will assemble at the church to go on the picnic and treasure hunt, the location of which is being kept secret until Sunday morning on account of the valuable prizes hidden for the hunt.

Twenty-four little girls and the queen will give a May pole dance.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 31, 1927**

Catholic Social Club Sponsors Treasure Hunt—The treasure hunt Sunday under the direction of the Catholic Social Club and attended by 150 members of St. Joseph's church and families proved so pleasant that it was decided to make it an annual affair.

The hunt was held at Stillwater. In fifteen places about the picnic grounds was secreted the treasure, which consisted of varying sums of money. A special prize for girls was won by Catherine Twomey.

A feature of the day was the ceremony of crowning the May queen, Beatrice Forderhase, whose train bearers were Margaret Twomey and Dora Rusconi. A group of children gave a May pole dance. Football, baseball and other games were enjoyed, besides swimming. Swings were hung for the children.

A picnic lunch was served at noon and in the evening just previous to the return to Redding. M. Fitzgerald made the coffee and proved himself a good chef. The committee in charge of the day's events was composed of Mrs. Frank Forderhase, Mrs. James Ashfield and Mrs. Matt Twomey. Rev. Alphonsus Gavin was a special guest at the affair.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, June 28, 1927**

Catholic Church To Have New Home For Priests; Option Taken—The Catholic church of this city has taken an option on Mrs. Cora Fisher's residence in Court street, adjoining the church and if the purchase is made the residence will be transformed into a priest's home. It is expected the deal will be made.

The present priest's home in Sacramento street is to be used for other purposes, but is in need of repair.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, June 29, 1927**

Four Redding Girls To Be Confirmed In Large Class At Dunsmuir—Elizabeth Marshall, Beatrice Forderhase, Irene Ferrari, and Cecilia Fitzpatrick, all of Redding, will be included in the class which will receive confirmation at the Catholic church in Dunsmuir next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

The ceremony will be presided over by Rt. Rev. P. J. Keane, B. D., of Sacramento. About fifty children will take part, coming from Weed, McCloud, Mt. Shasta and Redding. Parents and friends of the children will attend.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 11, 1927**

New Parochial House To Be Open Thursday For Public Inspection—A house warming to which all members and friends of the parish are invited will be given Thursday night in Father A. Gavin's newly remodeled parochial house. Cards and refreshments will be the order of the evening, which will be entirely informal. The new rooms which have been added to the house and the changes and improvements made in the house proper will be open to the inspection of the visitors.

The children will be entertained at games to be held in the church hall.

Approximately $200 was the net gain resulting from the dance given Saturday night by the Catholic Social Club in the Civic Auditorium. The money is being added to the fund which will be used to pay for the remodeling of the house.

St. Joseph Rectory, 1733 Court Street, Redding, California, 1927-1965

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, April 11, 1928**

Catholic Easter Egg Hunt Develops Into Hunt For Lost Child—Dora Rusconi was the most sought for prize when, in the search for thirty dozen eggs at the Catholic picnic Sunday she succeeded in losing herself. After an hour's hue and cry Dora was found making herself at home in the ranch house of Frank Hall, on whose place, near Anderson, the egg hunt was held.

Otherwise a day of great joy and delight was passed by a hundred children hunting eggs and contesting for the bunnies offered as prizes in the athletic events.

The committee in charge of the affair was made up of Mrs. Matt Twomey, Mrs. Frank Forderhase, M. Fitzgerald and R. Minear.

Prize Winners—LaDiem Cordi and Maurice Murphy won the bunnies for the greatest number of eggs collected by the girls and boys respectively. In the egg and spoon race, Mary Smith was first and Katie Gimblin second.

In the girl's 100 yards race for those under 12, Catherine Twomey was first and Katie Gimblin Second.

Potato relay against two other teams captained by Marion Carter and John Merlo, Teddy Rester led his men, Leland Murphy, Fred Frieble, Frank Wolf and Dick Hedrick, to victory. This was the most exciting event of the sports and the girls lost first place by only a single potato.

Boys' 100 yards, 12 years and over—James Carr, first; Peter Thompson, second.

Boys' 100 yards, 12 years and under—Byron Forderhase, first; Fred Frieble, second.

Wheel barrow race—Francis Moore and George DeSoto, first.

Siamese race—Francis Moore and George DeSoto, first; Bill Kesler and Dick Headrick, second.

Relay, half mile—Francis Moore and George DeSoto, first; Peter Thompson and Bobby Woods, second.

Longest golf drive—"Shorty" Exner, first; Ellwood Schroeder, second.
Ladies' race—Miss Virginia Orsini, first; Mrs. R. Minear, second.
Horseshoe contest, women—Miss Rose Joseph, first; Mrs. Alvares, second.
Horseshoe contest, men—Matt Twomey and Dan Coughlin, winners.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, May 27, 1928**

Catholic—Sunday masses, 7 and 10. No evening devotions. Miss Catherine Twomey will be crowned May queen after last mass. Following a procession of children she will place a crown on the statue of the Blessed Virgin. Picnic at Stillwater, cars will leave church at 12.

Rev. Alphonsus Gavin, pastor

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, December 27, 1928**

First Midnight Mass Ever Celebrated Here Held at St. Joseph's—The first midnight mass ever held in Redding was given Christmas eve at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and was well attended. The chancel had been beautifully decorated for the holiday season with Christmas trees and candles. On a bed of straw at the foot of the altar lay the symbol of the Christ child.

Mrs. Ramona Charles, contralto, sang "Silent Night, Holy Night" and "Adeste Fidelis," accompanied at the organ by Richard Coughlin. A chorus, comprising Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Antone Schwergerl and Miss Lucille Schuchert, sang "O, Lord, I Am Not Worthy." Rev. A. Gavin conducted the service.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, May 26, 1929**

Trinity Sunday masses at 8 and 10. No evening devotions. Mass at Weaverville at 9 o'clock. The honors of May Queen will be sustained by Miss Catherine Veglia at the coronation ceremonies held in the Catholic church this morning at 10 o'clock. She will sing the coronation hymn at the foot of the May altar prior to placing the wreath on the statue of the Blessed Virgin. Her assisting officers are Catherine Twomey, Frances Alvares, LaDiem Cordi and Lillian Veglia. The processional litany will be lead by Miss Elizabeth Marshall to which the children will respond alternately. The colors of the Blessed Virgin will be worn by all attendants. The May Queen will wear white covered with a long veil of blue and the assistants in peach and blue. The May day festivities will be continued in a picnic at Stillwater in the afternoon,

Rev. A. Gavin, priest.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, December 15, 1929**

Bishop Armstrong To Confirm Class, Dedicate Church—Rev. Robert Armstrong, bishop of Sacramento, will confirm a class of adults and children at St. Joseph's this morning after 10 o'clock mass.

"This is the bishop's first visit to Redding. It is the first time Redding has had the added honor of having one of California's sons in the capacity of a bishop," said Father A. Gavin yesterday.

"The bishop is the only member of the Catholic hierarchy born in this state to fill one of California sees. Bishop Muldoon of Peoria, Illinois, while a native of California, has not brought the distinction to us that we feel in the presence of Bishop Armstrong among us."

He will continue from Redding to dedicate the new church at Cottonwood at 3 o'clock, and thence to confirm at the Red Bluff Catholic Church in the evening at 7:30.

NOTE: *Bishop Robert J. Armstrong, the fourth episcopal head of the Diocese of Sacramento was born in San Francisco, California. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Gonzaga University in 1904 and studied for the priesthood at the Grand Seminary in Montreal, Canada. He was ordained December 10, 1910 and was assigned*

as assistant pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes in Spokane. He was serving as pastor of St. Paul's parish, Yakima at the time of his appointment as bishop to succeed the late Bishop Patrick J. Keane. The appointment was made January 4, 1929. He was consecrated March 12, 1929 at St. James Cathedral, Seattle and installed March 21, 1929 in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento. (From files of *Catholic Herald*)

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, April 22, 1930**

250 Attend Picnic At Hall Ranch At Anderson, Sunday—Approximately 250 persons attended the annual picnic given Easter Sunday by the St. Joseph's Catholic Church which took place at Hall's ranch, east of Anderson. After serving of the picnic dinner, games and contests occupied the afternoon.

The following children won prizes in the various races:

Kenneth Carr won the egg hunt, locating 35 eggs, and Elizabeth Jacobi won second place.

The 100 yards dash was divided up into races for girls and boys according to their ages, with prizes going to these children—Katherine Twomey, first, E. Rusconi, second; Martha Moss, first, Betty Charles, second; Rosa Petrafitta, first, Dora Rusconi, second; H. Fagundes, first, Edna Henriques, second; James Carr, first, Richard Charles, second; Francis Moore, first, George DeSoto, second; Harry Brown of Red Bluff, first, Robert Woods, second; John Charles, first, James Charles, second.

Betty Charles and Martha Moss won the egg handicap race and Francis Moore and George DeSoto won first prize in the boys' three legged race and Cecilia Anthony and Dora Rusconi won first in the girls' three legged race.

K. Twomey won the 220 yards dash with K. Gimblin winning second place.

Redding won the baseball game against Red Bluff, with a score of 11 to 0. Silvio Bui pitched for Redding. Redding also won the relay race in competition with Red Bluff. Runners for Redding were Leonard Jackson, James Carr and Richard Charles.

The mile run was won by William Tormey of Anderson.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, April 27, 1930**

Weaverville—Father Madden of Redding will remain in Weaverville permanently in charge of St. Patrick's church. He was formerly an assistant under Father A. Gavin of Redding, and made frequent trips here to conduct services.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, May 25, 1930**

Sunday masses 8 and 10. At 10 o'clock mass the ceremonies of Coronation will be held. Miss Catherine Twomey, after being crowned May queen, will place a crown on the statue of the Mother of God. The crown and train-bearers are Kenneth Carr and Richard Minear. Patricia Henriques, Odette Matheson, Barbara Carr and Belma Ross will be barrow bearers when a miniature statue of the Mother of God will be carried in procession prior to the coronation ceremonies. Assembly for picnic at Cow creek will be at 12 at the church.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, May 31, 1930**

Impressive Services Held By Catholics For Decoration Day— In the Catholic cemetery a solemn and impressive service was held at 10 o'clock in the morning, in observance of memorial day, mass being read at that hour by Rev. A. Gavin. Miss Wilhelmina Nock of Cottonwood sang a special group of songs and was accompanied at a small organ which had been conveyed to the cemetery.

Previously all the soldier graves and many others, had been handsomely decorated. Mass was read over a coffin draped in the American flag and symboling a soldier fallen in battle.

The service was ended with the singing of "America" by the large congregation in attendance.

THE SEARCHLIGHT — Wednesday, March 11, 1931

Elaborate Program Being Arranged For St. Patrick's Ball—Entertainment consisting of music, singing and Irish dancing numbers will be given at the St. Patrick's day program and dance to be given at the civic auditorium, Tuesday night, March 17. Arrangements have been completed for the affair.

Skilled entertainers from out of town are being brought here for this event, which will start at 8 o'clock. Dancing will begin at 9. Music, which will include old Irish dancing tunes, will be furnished by George Wahl and his Nightingales.

Those in charge of the plans are Joseph V. Sweeney, Richard J. Minear, Michael Twomey, Michael Fitzgerald, William J. Thompson, Andrew Henriques, James McLaughlin and George F. Hauber.

ANDERSON VALLEY NEWS — Thursday, March 31, 1932

Annual Catholic Easter Picnic Held at F. S. Hall Ranch Last Sunday—The fifth annual Catholic picnic was held at the F. S. Hall ranch near the Bella Vista railroad bridge on the Sacramento river last Sunday. A large crowd of local and Redding people attended.

In the Easter egg hunt Evelyn Wells and Jimmy Shroeder were declared the winners.

The 100 yard sprint for 6th grade students and younger was taken by Jack Charles and Richard Minear came second. The 100 yard dash for 6th grade girls and younger was won by Anna Benna and Catherine Dockery was second.

The 100 yard sprint for the third grade and younger boys and girls was won by Clifford Schwegerl with Mary Machado second. The 100 yard sprint for 6th grade girls and older was won by Dora Rusconi and Rosy Pietrafitta was second.

The 220 yard event for high school students was taken by Earl Gimblin with Elmer Rester second. The high jump for high school boys was won by Bob Justeson, 4 feet, 9½ inches. Byron Forderhase was second.

The Siamese boys were Tony Pietrafitta and George Machado second; the Siamese girls were Margaret L. Wells and Alberta Jones. The egg and spoon race was won by Dora Rusconi, with Rosy Pietrafitta second.

The half mile relay was won by Bob Justeson's team. Those running on his team were Evelyn Rusconi, Barbara Carr, Tony Pietrafitta and Bob Justeson.

The baseball game which climaxed the afternoon was won by Sam Wolfe's team which defeated Richard Rusconi's team, 16 to 6.

THE SEARCHLIGHT — Tuesday, May 17, 1932

10 Priests At Service—Ten priests of northern California participated with Rev. A. T. Gavin in the St. Joseph's Catholic church of Redding in the observance of the solemn procession of the blessed sacrament.

The group comprised the following: Rev. John McGarry of Maxwell, Rev. Michael Hines of Oroville, Rev. William Coen of Red Bluff, Rev. Patrick McCarthy of Susanville, Rev. James Flanagan of Etna, Rev. Michael Conners of Yreka, Rev. Michael O'Connell of Dunsmuir, Rev. Joseph Madden of Weaverville, Rev. James Healy of Ryde, Rev. Michael McNaboe of Orland.

THE SEARCHLIGHT — Sunday, May 29, 1932

May Ceremonies Will Be Conducted Today At Catholic Church—May Day celebrations will be held at the Catholic church this morning at 10 o'clock mass. The May altar, which has been specially decorated throughout the month in honor of Mary, under the title of queen of heaven, will be the scene of impressive closing ceremonies. The May queen, Miss Margaret Twomey, having been crowned, herself will place a crown on the statue of the mother of God.

The barbecue picnic scheduled to follow the religious ceremony has been postponed.

The military mass, the centerpiece of Memorial Day services at St. Joseph's parish, will be held at 9 o'clock Monday morning in the church should the weather prove too inclement for outdoor services in the cemetery. The Legion will attend and participate in this unusual rite. Mrs. W. Ross will conduct the choir and Mrs. Dawson will be at the console. Samuel Wolfe will be the bugler.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 8, 1932**

Weaverville Priest Sent To Grass Valley—Weaverville—Rev. Joseph Madden, who has had charge of St. Patrick's Catholic parish, has been transferred to Grass Valley, Nevada county, leaving here for his new parish the latter part of last week. His place here has been taken by Rev. O'Shea, assistant pastor of the Redding parish.

Rev. Madden came to Weaverville from Redding.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, February 8, 1933**

Flower Shows Will be Conducted Here By Catholic Group—Plans for a series of flower shows this year, the first to be held in March, were formulated last night at the February meeting of the Catholic Social Club of St. Joseph's parish. Mrs. Matthew Twomey, president, presided.

The flower shows will be open to anyone interested in placing exhibits. The March display will be of bulb flowers. The rules and complete details of the event are yet to be worked out.

The club also planned a card party for Ash Wednesday eve, February 28, at the parish hall and a dance at the Civic Auditorium, St. Patrick's night, March 17.

Mrs. Andy Hamilton and Mrs. Al Woods, bridge; Mrs. A. Guibbani and Mrs. Richard Minear, whist, and Mrs. Francis Carr, Mrs. William Thompson and Mrs. Dudley Mathis, supper, were named as committees for the card party. The dance will be conducted by the men of the parish.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, April 16, 1933**

Music Feature Of Catholic Masses Here—At the St. Joseph Catholic church the Easter observance will be as follows:

Masses, Easter 8 and 10. The 8 o'clock mass will have choral accompaniment. Margaret Anthony, Frances Exner and Frances Alvares—altos; Catherine Twomey, Irene Ferrari, Augusta Jacobi, Virginia Millisich and Cecelia Anthony, sopranos. At the organ, Miss Ann Milisich. At the Introit—"O Filli et Filliae, " offertory—"Regina Coeli," communion, "Gloria in Excelsis."

At the 10 o'clock mass the "Missa Stella Matutina" will be sung. Solos will be done by Mrs. R. Charles, Mrs. Suttish, Clifford Saeltzer and Richard Coughlin. Offertory, "Regina Coeli," duet by Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Suttish; Pater Noster, "Et Resurexit," duet by Clifford Saeltzer and Richard Coughlin. Alto parts will be done by Catherine and Lillian Veglia and Margaret Anthony. Tenor, Dan Coughlin, soprano, Mrs. D. Coughlin and bass, Forrest Charles.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, April 18, 1933**

450 At 6th Annual Catholic Gathering At Anderson Ranch—Four hundred and fifty men, women and children attended the sixth annual Catholic picnic held at Hall's ranch near Anderson, Sunday. Because of heavy showers of rain that fell in the afternoon, some of the sports could not be run off and lunch was curtailed.

Twelve teams participated in the horseshoe tournament which was the outstanding feature of the sports program. The first prize was awarded to the team winning three times straight, with George Bruce and "Bud" Williams of Redding achieving this.

Other contests and the winners were as follows:

Rolling pin contest, Miss Helen Hall of Anderson; egg hunt, Evelyn Wells, 40 eggs; Helen Swarts, 25 eggs.

Fifty yards dash, Richard Minear in boys' race and Anna Benna in the girls' race; 100 yards dash, Anna Benna and Catherine Dockery, first and second respectively, for girls; Jack Charles and James Charles, first and second for boys.

Egg and spoon race, Catherine Dockery, first; Dora Rusconi, second.

Siamese race, Margaret Wells and Alberta Jones, first for girls; George Machado and Tony Pietrafitta, first for boys.

Six hundred pounds of barbecued meat was served to the picnickers by William H. Tormey and Stephen Roycroft.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, August 20, 1933**

Father McNaboe, Former Priest In Redding, Passes—Sacramento, Aug. 19.—A solemn high mass will be said at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Wednesday morning, for Rev. Father Michael F. McNaboe, 55, a priest in the Sacramento diocese 30 years and recently situated at Chico, who died yesterday at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco.

Father McNaboe became a member of Sacramento diocese in 1903, after being ordained in Ireland, where he was educated in the preparatory seminary schools. His father lives in Ireland.

While with the diocese here he also served in Crescent City, Roseville, Redding, Yreka and Orland. He was forced to relinquish his duties about two weeks ago, when he was taken to San Francisco.

Bishop Robert Armstrong is to officiate at the service and interment will follow in the priests' plot of St. Mary's Cemetery.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, January 12, 1934**

Father Gavin Speaks—Father Gavin of St. Joseph's Catholic church was the speaker of the day at the weekly Rotary luncheon Thursday noon. He took as his subject the Ten Commandments and made an inspiring talk which held the closest attention of his hearers. Dr. F. Stabel, new chairman of the Rotary club's program committee, introduced Father Gavin.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, February 21, 1934**

Plans Started For Spring Flower Show—. . . The flower show leaves the limited quarters of St. Joseph's hall for the city auditorium.

. . . The show is sponsored by the Catholic church.

. . . Entries are limited to Shasta county. Anything from a single bloom up may be entered.

SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, April 1, 1934**

Annual Catholic Picnic To Be Held On Easter Sunday—The annual Easter picnic sponsored by the St. Joseph's Catholic church of Redding will as in former years be held at Hall's ranch southeast of Anderson. Those who plan to attend will gather at the church at 12 o'clock Easter Sunday, bringing their lunches and cups. Coffee, sugar, milk and barbecued meat will be furnished free.

The egg hunt for the children will begin at 1:30. After lunch the horseshoe tournament for Shasta county men will be played. A handsome cup will be awarded the players winning for three successive years.

Races and jumping contests will be held as usual. And there will be the annual rolling pin contest for the women.

The chairman of arrangements is A. R. Henriques. Other committees follow: Horseshoe contest, L. V. Wolf, R. J. Minear; races, J. C. Bedynek, Stephen Roycroft

and Thomas McEnaney; egg hunt, Miss Helen Hall, Mrs. W. J. Tormey, Mrs. W. J. Thompson, Miss Catherine Twomey; prizes, Mrs. Lucy Alvares, Clifford Saeltzer; barbecues, W. P. Tormey.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Sunday, April 1, 1934

St. Joseph's Church Has Fine Music—High mass at St. Joseph's Catholic church Easter Sunday will be at 10 a.m. Parts from Emerson's Mass in E flat and Vito Carnevali (Missa "Stella Matutina") will be sung.

Kyrie and Gloria from Emerson's Mass by choir.
Gratias Agimus—Emerson's Mass by W. J. Thompson.
Domine Fili—Emerson's Mass by C. R. Saeltzer and Catherine and Lillian Veglia.
Qui Tollis—Emerson's Mass by Mrs. Ramona Charles.
Quoniam—Emerson's Mass by Catherine and Lillian Veglia.
Offertory—Regina Coeli by Mrs. Charles, C. R. Saeltzer and choir.
Credo by Vito Carnevali by choir.
Sanctus by Vito Carnevali by choir.
Benedictus—Emerson's Mass by Clayton Davis and choir.
Agnus Dei—Emerson's Mass by C. R. Saeltzer and choir.
Members of the choir are:

Sopranos: Mrs. Ramona Charles, Mrs. Dan Coughlin.
Altos: Miss Veglia, Miss Margaret Anthony.
Tenors: Dan Coughlin.
Baritones: W. J. Thompson, C. R. Saeltzer.
Bass: Clayton Davis.
Organist: Mrs. E. R. Dawson.
C. R. Saeltzer, director.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Tuesday, April 3, 1934

Races Feature Hall's Ranch Easter Picnic—With a large crowd in attendance, the races and contests that feature the annual Catholic Easter picnic given at Hall's ranch near Anderson proved unusually successful. Barbecued meat was served free to all to add to basket lunches brought by the visitors.

Running races and winners were as follows: Girls and boys under six, James Sarvis, first and Albert Grigarick Jr., second; boys and girls under nine, Robert Felton, first and James E. Dotta, second; boys under 12, Jack Charles, first, and James Charles, second; girls under 12, Anna Benna, first, Edna Henriques, second.

Three legged race—Edna Henriques, Jeanette Jordan, first; George Machado and Tony Pietrafitta, second.

Egg race, George Machado, first, Tony Pietrafitta, second; steeple chase, George Machado, horse, Jerry Twomey, rider, first; George Simoni, horse, Jack Pietrafitta, rider, second.

Relay race, five teams, won by Jack and James Charles, Anna Benna and Edna Henriques; high jump, Jack Charles.

Women's rolling pin contest, Mrs. Metcalfe, first, 78 feet; Rose Pietrafitta, second, 77 feet; men's rolling pin contest, J. R. Ackerman, first prize, 140 feet.

In the egg hunt for the children, George Simoni won first prize and Betty Berg second.

Horse shoe tournament, Allan Thompson and Henry Simmons, 44-50-34; George Bruce and "Bud" Williams, 50-37-50; for the women, Mrs. A. F. Dobrowsky and Miss Mary Boswell won.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, May 23, 1934**

Mrs. Augusta Hobson has returned to her home at Ingot after several days stay in Alameda county. In Berkeley she witnessed the graduation of her daughter Agnes from the University of California.

NOTE: *Agnes Hobson entered the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi on September 26, 1934, and became Sister Mary Dorothy. For more than forty years she has served in various capacities in the Panama Canal Zone, in Colombia, South America and in California, New Mexico and Texas.*

Writing from St. Francis Convent, Amarillo, Texas, May 26, 1971, Sister Mary Dorothy told of her work there:

"At Alamo High School we have some four hundred junior high and high school students—all races, colors, religions—and teachers the same. We believe in teaching the child to make correct decisions. I find it fascinating. I am the laboratory technician and am also responsible for the supervision of one floor of the school building. At the convent here I garden for a pastime and am engaged in research on fruiting vines, trees and vegetables for this area—have something like 160 trees and bushes growing—some already producing fruit. Then I teach High School Religion to sixteen students in a farming community outside of town on Sundays."

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, July 25, 1934**

Father O'Shea To Teach In College At State Capital—Father James O'Shea, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Redding the last two years, yesterday received notification of his appointment as a professor at the brothers' college at Sacramento. He will leave here to take up his new duties within the next two weeks.

Father O'Shea was an honor graduate of the National University in Ireland in 1924. Four years later he was ordained at All Hallows Seminary in Ireland and a short time later came to the United States.

His successor as assistant to Father A. T. Gavin, St. Joseph's pastor, has not been announced.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, August 17, 1934**

Francis Moore Will Become Jesuit Priest—Francis Moore, member of the 1934 Shasta Union high school graduating class, on Wednesday entered the St. Joseph's school at Los Gatos to begin his novitiate in the Jesuit order.

Young Moore went down a week ago with his mother, Mrs. Richard Minear, brother and sister, Richard and Therese Minear, and Mrs. Andrew Henriques. The group spent the week vacationing at Santa Cruz and after leaving Moore at Los Gatos, began the return trip to Redding. The course on which Moore has entered requires 13 years of study.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, December 22, 1934**

Music Is Arranged For Catholic Masses—Under the direction of D. C. Mathis, the music has been arranged for midnight mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Christmas eve and for the 9 a.m. mass to be celebrated at the Civic Auditorium. Father A. T. Gavin, pastor, stated last night both services will be available to the public.

The mass prelude will be "Silent Night, Holy Night," and Battmann's Mass in C will be sung. "Adeste Fidelis" will be rendered during the offertory and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" in the recessional.

Mrs. Ramona Charles, Clifford Saeltzer, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Coughlin, William J. Thompson, Margaret Anthony, Catherine Veglia, Lillian Veglia, Mrs. Mathis.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Tuesday, December 25, 1934

Christmas Mass Will Be Read In Auditorium—Christmas Day will be observed with a special Catholic service by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Redding, with a solemn mass to be held at 9 a.m. in the Civic Auditorium, according to Major Joseph Andrews, district commander. Enrollees of all camps of the Redding district are invited to attend the Yuletide ceremony, which is being held through the co-operation of army officers and Rev. A. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's church in Redding.

Lieutenant Francis J. Stapleton, assistant district chaplain, will celebrate the mass, while the sermon will be preached by Father Gavin. Breakfast will be served in the church hall immediately following the service.

Transportation facilities were arranged by all company commanders to allow enrollees to attend the ceremony. Non-Catholic enrollees are also to attend, as well as any civilians who may wish to come.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, March 20, 1935

Rev. Gavin Speaks At Kiwanis Meet—The relationship between the United States and Spanish America and the religious customs of the latter's peoples was the subject of a talk given Tuesday noon at the Redding Kiwanis club luncheon, by Rev. A. T. Gavin of the St. Joseph's Catholic church.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, April 17, 1935

Army Officers' Mass Will Be Held Easter—A Special mass for army officers and members of the Civilian conservation corps from district headquarters and nearby C C C camps will be held at St. Joseph's church in Redding on Easter Sunday.

Thru the cooperation of Rev. A. T. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's church, the mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Arrangements for the special mass have been made by Lieutenant Cornelius T. Murray, chaplain reserve, assistant district chaplain. Father Murray will say the mass.

Enrollees from C C C camps at Peanut, Minersville, Harrison Gulch and Fawn Lodge are expected to be present.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Sunday, May 26, 1935

Catholic Church To Observe May Day—May day will be celebrated at the Catholic church Sunday. Services will commence at 10 o'clock, when the May Queen Bernadette Dawe will be crowned. She will be attended by two queens from former years, Edna Henriques and Margaret Wells. Francis McEnaney will be her train bearer, and Billy Owens crown bearer for the crown the queen will place on the statue of the blessed virgin.

Attendants on the crown bearer are Gene Harmeling, Eleen Wells, Teresa Minear and Angela Machado.

Barrows bearers of a miniature statue of the mother of God will be Priscilla Hickey, Ruth Craft, Marjorie Lieurance and Pauline Hannon. The cross bearer is Richard Dawe.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Tuesday, June 25, 1935

33 Are Initiated In Catholic Organization—Organization of the Young Ladies Institute in Redding took place Sunday afternoon at St. Joseph's Hall. Initiation of 33 members was followed by impressive installation ceremonies conducted by Y. L. I. grand officers for the state who came to Redding for the occasion.

They were: Miss Loretta Kelley, Antioch, grand president; Miss Mary McCarthy, San Francisco, grand treasurer; Mrs. D. B. Baratini, Sacramento, grand director; Miss Dorothy McGee, Sacramento, grand director; Miss Lucy Genis, Sacramento, past grand president; Miss Kathryn Willis and Miss Iva Vargas, Sacramento, Miss Margaret McGee,

Sacramento and Mrs. Wanda Kearney, Sonoma. Nine representatives from the Willows Institute also were present.

Shasta Institute, No. 144, was chosen for the name of the local branch and the following officers were installed: Mrs. Mathew Twomey, past president; Wilhelmina Nock, president; Mildred Fitzpatrick, first vice-president; Frances Alvares, second vice-president; Catherine Twomey, secretary; Frances Richter, financial secretary; Freda Richter, treasurer; Patricia Henriques, marshall; Delphine Buchanan, inside sentinel; Cecelia Fitzpatrick, outside sentinel; Mrs. Fred Little, organist; Mrs. A. R. Henriques, Mrs. A. Quadras and Mrs. Cortese, board of trustees.

Addresses by Rev. Father John Connelly and the visiting grand officers were made. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the event.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, September 13, 1935**

Father Keane Comes To Redding Parish—Father Patrick F. Keane, formerly assistant pastor of the Auburn parish, has arrived in Redding to assume his work as assistant to Father A. T. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Father Keane replaces Father John Connelly, who is awaiting his commission as a chaplain in the Civilian Conservation Corps. Father Connelly was assistant pastor here the last year.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, December 10, 1935**

47 Are Confirmed At St. Joseph's—Forty-seven persons, including 38 C C C enrollees, received the sacrament of confirmation Sunday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Bishop Robert Armstrong of Sacramento officiated at the impressive ceremony.

A procession on Court street, participated in by company commanders and headquarters officers of the Redding district, preceded a solemn high mass at 11 o'clock. Bishop Armstrong delivered an inspirational sermon following the mass, stressing the fact that this sacrament is given for the purpose of making those who are confirmed soldiers in Christ's army, strengthening them in their faith and aiding them in their battle against the temptations of the world. Lieut. Malcolm N. Wilmes and Joseph M. Keating sponsored the C C C men.

Following the confirmation rites, luncheon was served for the C C C enrollees by the women of the parish in St. Joseph's Hall beneath the church. At this time, Major George S. Clarke distributed certificates of confirmation to the C C C confirmees.

Assisting Bishop Armstrong in the ceremony were Rev. A. T. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's church; Rev. Patrick Keane, assistant pastor; Rev. J. R. Purtill and Lieut. Cornelius T. Murray, the latter celebrating the mass.

The church was filled to capacity for the services. . . .

The following are those from the local parish who were confirmed: John Richard Dawe, Clifford Paul Schwegerl, William Peter Thompson, Allen Michael Thompson, Augustine Antonio Martinez, John Edward Wolf, Evelyn Marie Wells, Mary Anastasia Hafner, Geraldine Lucille Gibson, Marjorie Lois Lieurence, Julia Martinez, Catherine Martinez.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, January 17, 1936**

New Assistant Named For St. Joseph's Here—Father Thomas Kirby arrived in Redding, Thursday, to take up his work as assistant to Father A. T. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's Church. He succeeds Father Patrick Keane, who was transferred to Red Bluff.

Father Kirby is in Redding on his first appointment, he having been ordained a priest in Ireland only a few months ago.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, May 2, 1936**

Complete Program For Flower Show Here Is Announced—The program for the annual Shasta County Flower show, which will take place this weekend, has been completed. Saturday afternoon the Cafe Chantant will be a feature of the affair, which will be held in the civic auditorium. Miss Anne Milisich is in charge of the tea diversion and has arranged the following numbers:

Piano medley by Alvin Cibula; dancing by Dionetta; dances by Amy Powell's featured dancers from Marysville.

This intermission will run from 3:30 to 4:30 with tea served during the program.

The cast of "Kennett Dam Follies," written by Miss Wilhelmina Nock, to be produced at the flower show Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the civic auditorium has been announced. It follows:

The Cast:

Mr. DePression, Judge Albert F. Ross.

Western Union Messenger, George Glaze.

Horseshoe Joe, William Valentine.

Sweepstakes Girl, Winona Klukkert.

Mr. Prosperity, Judge Albert F. Ross.

Singers: Wilhelmina Nock, Winona Klukkert, Merle Bergh, Mrs. A. S. Quadros, Melanie Wolf, Mrs. Ray Schaller, Mrs. E. H. Lowden, Lolita Martorel, Margaret Anthony, Walter Landers, George Ayers, William Valentine, James Haley and Lester Butzbach.

Dancers: Genevieve Doll, Betty June Frazier, Wesley Davis, Marcene Williams, Pauline Hannon, Ryland Holtman, Hershella Holtman, Ronald Crooks, Bonnie Lou Notley, Joan Ainsworth and Jimmie Holt.

Guests: May Southern, Edna Saygrover, Carl Bendell and Herman Schwegerl.

Accompanists: Mrs. Chas. McGorvin, Mrs. Jesse W. Carter and Mrs. G. W. Notley.

Properties, courtesy McCormick-Saeltzer company, City Bakery and Lee & McKee.

Lighting effects, courtesy James V. Vance.

SHASTA DIAL **Thursday, August 5, 1937**

Club Hears Priest—Rev. James Kenney, who is pastor of the St. Joseph's Catholic church during the absence of Rev. A. T. Gavin, addressed the Redding Business and Professional Women's Club at the group's regular luncheon meeting last Monday. His topic was the orders of Sisters of the Catholic faith and he discussed their work in social work, nursing and other fields, and their inauguration of the first free clinic for the care of infantile paralysis victims in Sacramento. . . .

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 8, 1938**

Father Gavin To Address Men—The Men's club of the Presbyterian church will have its regular meeting Wednesday evening at 6:30 at the church social hall. An interesting talk will be given by Father A. T. Gavin on the life of Madame Curie. . . .

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, January 15, 1939**

Father Gavin Is Host To Choir—The Rev. Father A. T. Gavin was host to the members of St. Joseph's choir Thursday evening at a dinner held at the Golden Eagle hotel.

Those present were: Mrs. Ramona Charles, Mrs. R. A. Tremper, Mrs. Phyllis Ewen, Mrs. Dan Coughlin, Mrs. John Spann, Mrs. Catherine Gullixson, Miss Margaret Anthony, Miss Peterson, O. D. Dineen, Dan Coughlin, W. J. Thompson, Alvin Cibula, Wilhelmina Nock, Mrs. J. R. Shannon, Mrs. O'Brien, J. R. Shannon, director and Father Gavin.

SHASTA DIAL **Thursday, March 30, 1939**

Flower Show Dates Are Set For April—The annual Shasta county flower show originated and directed by Rev. A. T. Gavin of St. Joseph's Catholic church, will this year be held April 22 and 23. The ballroom of the Golden Eagle Hotel has been donated for the display of spring blooms and plants by the hotel owners, A. H. and George Gronwoldt, as the new Memorial Hall auditorium will not be in readiness for this year's show.

SHASTA DIAL **Thursday, May 11, 1939**

Rev. James Kenny, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, departed Sunday for Ireland, to visit his parents. He expects to be gone about three months. During his absence Rev. Michael Hogan of Sacramento will assist the local pastor, Rev. A. T. Gavin.

SHASTA DIAL **Thursday, June 22, 1939**

Catholic Picnic Proves Successful—The John Reiser summer home near Hillcrest was the scene of the very successful picnic Sunday, for the congregation of St. Joseph's Catholic parish. More than 100 were in attendance at the affair, which is held annually.

Races, swimming, baseball and card games were entertainment features of the day, and there were awards for the contest winners. Of course the picnic lunch at noon was an important and greatly enjoyed program number.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, August 20, 1939**

Construction of St. Joseph's Mausoleum Starts in September—Construction work on the new St. Joseph's mausoleum, to be erected on the Redding-Weaverville highway, 1.3 miles west of the Redding city limits, by St. Joseph's Catholic parish, will be started between September 15, and 20, according to an announcement made Saturday by F. D. Morton, superintendent of the project.

The mausoleum, designed by Architect E. McKenzie of San Jose, will be situated on a six acre tract recently purchased by the local church, Morton, a former resident of Shasta and Trinity counties, stated.

Of mission architecture, it will face toward the east, or toward Redding, cresting a gentle slope of an acre and one-half, upon which lawn will be planted. A hedge trim will be provided around the spacious driveways leading to the building.

The mausoleum will be 150 feet in width and 60 feet in depth, with crypts along the outside courts and banking the walls of the chapel. Climatic conditions of this district, it was said, will permit the installation of outside crypts, adding to the attractiveness of the institution.

Father A. T. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's speaking of the mausoleum, said:

An imperishable monument, situated on top of a hill, beyond the turmoil and clamor of the city, will be the beautiful St. Joseph Mausoleum. Built of steel, concrete and marble, indestructible and everlasting, from a foundation of solid rock will arise this magnificent monument. Approached by wide, level roadways, thru green lawns, it will stand with its graceful arches not only as a fine example of mission architecture, but also as a masterpiece of modern scientific construction.

The crypts inside will be made of permanently enduring concrete and will be doubly sealed by means of an outer facing of marble. The outside crypts will be double sealed by means of an outer facing of pressed cement. Thru them passes at all times a continual current of fresh air. The atmosphere of the building itself is always pure and clean.

To insure their durability, the crypts are not only built of the strongest and most lasting materials, but are not called upon to carry any weight of the building. Supporting columns for that purpose make the crypts secure from any damage by the elements.

This permanent abode escapes many of the undesired characteristics of ground burial. There is a soundness that wind, rain and storm cannot affect, nor the ravages of time efface; and in after years future generations shall see in this imperishable monument the deep respect we held for our beloved ones.

In addition to the assurance of a structure as "Lasting as the Pyramids," provision has been made for maintenance and care of St. Joseph's mausoleum thruout the ages, as a trust fund will be maintained for this purpose.

SHASTA DIAL **Thursday, October 12, 1939**

Pastor Sees Terror Of War First Hand—Rev. James Kenny, assistant pastor of the St. Joseph's Catholic church, who returned to Redding last week following a three month's visit abroad, describes graphically the terror of war that engulfed Europe on the first of September.

Rev. Kenny boarded the Van Dyck, a British vessel, twenty-four hours before England declared war. . . . The Van Dyck remained at anchor in the river after leaving Liverpool, while a large crew of men painted the white ship from stem to stern to a grey color in a single night. . . . Life boats were made ready, all passengers were ordered to wear warm clothing and their life belts. The ship followed a zigzag course that took them so far north the cold was extreme, and the sailing required thirteen days. Ship's officers were constantly on the lookout for submarines and mines.

Many of the passengers were refugees from Poland and Germany who were deeply worried about the fate of relatives left behind. Shortly before the American coast was sighted, a radio report was heard aboard ship that a German submarine had been seen off the coast of Massachusetts, and fear arose anew.

The ship docked at New York on September 13, after having been met by an American battleship which signaled for a display of the ship's flag.

Rev. Kenny spent a week in New York before proceeding westward. His summer he spent in Ireland, where he remained two months, and England, where he spent a month, visiting relatives and friends.

SHASTA DIAL **Thursday, December 7, 1939**

Catholic Girls Form Joan D'Arc Club—The junior group of the Young Ladies Institute of the St. Joseph's Catholic church, which has been named Joan d'Arc, Chapter No. 44, was formally organized Sunday at ceremonies conducted in the Golden Eagle Hotel, with officials from San Francisco and Sacramento in charge of the installation.

. . . Taking up their duties as the first officers of the new club are the following:

Jane Hein, president; Ruth Craft, vice-president; Shirley Stark, secretary; Evelyn Wells, treasurer; Patricia Willey, marshal; Mary Ann Hein, sentinel; and Phyllis Hannon, organist.

Other charter members are: Mary Ashfield, Lorena Wells, Elvira Grantfield, Gene Felton, Pat O'Connor, Shirley Jones, Rose Cortese, Anastasia Haftner, Mary Machado, Gene Maguin, Genevieve Wells, Bonine Vaughn, Nora Orsini, Betty Castro, Priscilla Hickey, Marjorie Lieurence.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, May 25, 1940**

St. Joseph's To Be Developed—Establishment of a convent occupied by the sisters of the Holy Family and enlargement of St. Joseph's Catholic church here has been revealed by Father A. T. Gavin, pastor, who states plans have been completed for the improvements at Court and Sacramento streets.

The former parish house, a two story frame building to the rear of the present church, will serve as the convent and will be remodelled and moved to a site between the church building and the present parish house. The former parish house was original-

ly intended to form part of a second church building.

Alteration of the church will include a 30 foot addition covering the area now occupied by the old parish house, and complete remodelling will be undertaken.

The church floor will be lowered to the level of the basement which now serves as the church hall. A modern new hall will be built under the east end of the church, 39 by 49 feet, with a 14 by 12 foot stage at the north end. The hall, which will run north and south, will have hardwood floors.

Enlargement of the church will increase its seating capacity from 300 to 490 persons.

The church fund drive has now reached $3000 and money is continuing to come in, reports Father Gavin.

The principal duties of the Sisters of the Holy Family will be instruction of children and care for the destitute and the ill. They will also conduct a nursery for young children, caring for them when their parents are out for the evening. Besides catechism classes here, the sisters will also visit outlying places to instruct children.

Bids for the improvements will be opened as soon as plans, now being drawn by C. C. Dakin, are completed.

SHASTA DIAL **Thursday, August 15, 1940**

$15,000 Church Job Goes To Brennan—The contract for the reconstruction and enlargement of St. Joseph's Catholic church in this city has been let to J. P. Brennan, Redding contractor at $15,000, and the work is scheduled to begin shortly.

Rev. A. T. Gavin, pastor of the church, announces that the church building will be extended thirty feet, the floor lowered to the elevation of the present basement under the church, and a modern auditorium will be constructed under the east end of the structure, equipped with stage, hardwood floors and seats.

Brennan's bid of $15,000 was the lowest of several submitted, some being as high as $25,000. . . .

SHASTA DIAL **Thursday, October 3, 1940**

Local Priest Tells Of Life In Rome—Fresh from four years in Rome, Italy, where he was a student in the Irish College and where he was ordained to the Catholic priesthood last April, Rev. Niall Harrington arrived in Redding this week to begin his duties as assistant to Rev. A. T. Gavin, pastor of the St. Joseph's Catholic church, succeeding Rev. James Kenny, who has been transferred. . . .

Father Niall Harrington
Assistant Pastor
1940-1945
1949-1950
(Courtesy Mr. & Mrs. Walter Blood)

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, October 18, 1940**

Priest Tells Rotary Members About War—Members of the Redding club and their guests Thursday listened to the interesting story of Father Niall Harrington on his experiences in getting from war-torn Italy to the United States.

The speaker recited scores of harrowing experiences he had which made his hearers appreciate their good fortune in living in a free country.

His plane left Rome at 4 a.m. and arrived at Lisbon at 11 p.m. During that time he was allowed no food, not even a drink of water, and of course could not smoke.

Practically all of his money was taken from him, his top coat appropriated by an inspector. Several cherished books and photographs of his ordination, highly prized by the priest, were seized.

He faced an ocean trip with just $5 but most of that was gone before time for his sailing. In the meantime, he received $50 from America for the trip, but was not allowed to spend it until he got aboard ship.

Father Harrington said the people of this country do not begin to realize what their liberty, their freedom of speech means to them—couldn't appreciate it, like one who has lived in war-torn Europe.

SHASTA DIAL **Thursday, May 15,1941**

Catholic Convent Is Opened Here—The Order of the Holy Family has opened a convent in Redding to work in cooperation with St. Joseph's Catholic church, at 1754 Court Street. Sister M. Rita will be sister superior, with Sister Ludwina assisting. Two other sisters will follow in June.

Religious training of children of grammar and high school age, visiting the sick and needy, the organization of a children's choir, and conducting of Sunday masses for children, will be among the duties of the sisters.

Dedication ceremonies for the remodeled and modernized church structure on Court Street will be held next month, with Bishop Robert Armstrong of Sacramento heading the dignitaries who will participate.

NOTE: *The Sisters of the Holy Family lived first at 1754 Court Street, a cottage on the northwest corner of Court and Sacramento Streets, and later at 1725 Sacramento Street. The old parish house was moved to a location between the new parish house and the church and was used by the Sisters of the Holy Family for a nursery school and then by the Sisters of Mercy for a classroom. It was torn down when St. Joseph School was built on Gold Street.*

St. Joseph Church, Temporary altar in social hall during 1941 remodeling, May 1941

THE SEARCHLIGHT Thursday, May 15, 1941

Contract Signed For Catholic Mausoleum—The Rev. A. T. Gavin has signed a contract with O'Connor Brothers, Red Bluff contractors, for the construction of a $30,000 Catholic mausoleum.

Construction on the structure is expected to begin within the next week, at a site two miles west of Redding on Highway 299-W.

It will be of reinforced concrete construction.

The floors and inside walls will be constructed of marble.

The mausoleum will have 200 crypts. A receiving vault has already been constructed on the property.

A semi-circular driveway will lead to the main building. A lawn cemetery will be directly in front of the structure. There will be no headstones in the cemetery.

Considerable of the preliminary work has been completed. Workmen finished installation of a pumping system at the site late yesterday.

The main entrance to the structure will lead into a chapel. And the main part of the building will consist of two wings, branching from the chapel.

It will be the only Catholic mausoleum in the northern part of the state.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, May 17, 1941

Jr. Y. L. I. Girls Meet Catholic Sisters—Junior Young Ladies of the Catholic church met the sisters who have charge of the local convent as they gathered at the new parish hall Thursday night for their institute meeting.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, May 17, 1941

Kassis To Head Catholic Men's Service Club—The Catholic Men's Service club, the first of its kind to be organized in the United States, was established at a dinner meeting here Friday.

The name will be copyrighted, and the organization is expected to spread to other communities. The club was organized under the approval of Bishop Robert Armstrong of Sacramento.

M. J. Kassis is president; J. R. Shannon, secretary; and M. G. Fitzgerald, treasurer.

The purpose of the organization is to promote social and friendly relations among the men of St. Joseph's Catholic parish, and to participate in civic and social affairs in the city.

One of the programs is the preparing of tasty sea food dinners for Friday luncheons. Each week a guest cook will prepare the dinner.

Friday Mrs. Andy Helm prepared a fish dish. Women of the parish served the meal.

Charter members are Dan Coughlin, P. V. Wolf, Matt J. Twomey, Steve Roycroft, William A. Quinlan, Joe Pagini, Victor Franchetti, John Williams, William Lewis, Richard C. Brennan, John Balma, John Fitzpatrick, George Conroy, Dr. C. C. Gerrard, Harold S. Imelli, J. R. Shannon, M. J. Kassis, J. P. Brennan, John Reiser, Dr. J. M. Kehoe, Richard L. Mallery, Jack H. McCovey, M. G. Fitzgerald, Joe Hickey, the Rev. A. T. Gavin and the Rev. Niall Harrington.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Friday, May 30, 1941

Rev. Francis Moore Returns Home On Three-Day Visit—The Rev. Francis A. Moore, S. J., grandson of Mrs. L. B. Woods of Redding is visiting here this weekend.

The Rev. Moore recently finished a course of philosophy at Mount St. Michael's Philosophate at Spokane, Wash.

He is enroute to Santa Clara university where he will assume a magistracy next semester.

The Rev. Moore is a graduate of the Shasta union high school, and was a prominent athlete here.

He entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus at Los Gatos in 1934 and since September, 1938, he has been engaged in philosophical research at Mount St. Michael's.

The Rev. Moore was accompanied here by the Rev. Manuel I. Perez-Alonso, the Rev. Eugene S. Fahy and the Rev. John J. Brennan. The Rev. Perez-Alonso is a citizen of Nicaragua and a near relative of Senor Sacasa, former president. He has been studying in this country for nine years and is returning to his native county.

The Rev. Fahy and the Rev. Brennan are preparing to leave for the China missions next September. The group will visit here until Sunday.

SHASTA DIAL **Thursday, July 10, 1941**

Catholic Church Has Dedication Rites—The reconstructed St. Joseph's Catholic church was dedicated Sunday at a high mass conducted by Bishop Robert Armstrong of Sacramento, in the presence of a large congregation. The building has been enlarged, and a new parish hall erected at the rear.

Bishop Armstrong first blessed the outside of the church, leading the congregation into the church after this service for the high mass, at which Rev. A. T. Gavin, pastor of the church assisted. "Mass in F" and "Mass in G" were sung by the choir under the direction of J. R. Shannon. Following the service, the congregation assembled outside and sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

Red and cream gladioli decorated the center and side altars. Choir members were Shannon, Mrs. J. F. O'Brien, organist, Mrs. R. A. Tremper, Mrs. William Lewis, Mrs. A. Keyes, Mrs. Peter Trussas, Larry Morand, William Thompson and Barry Fagin. Serving as altar boys were Richard A. Tremper Jr., Richard Dawe, Jerry Twomey, Richard Shannon, James Crumpacker, Richard Newing, James Breuning and Francis McEnaney.

St. Joseph Church. Reconstructed church dedicated July 6, 1941 by Bishop Robert J. Armstrong

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, August 3, 1941**

Rev. Walsh Tells Catholic Club Of Early Diocese Days—The Rev. Henry L. Walsh, S. J., spoke to the Catholic Service club Friday noon about the early days of this diocese at the organization's luncheon meeting in St. Joseph's parish hall.

The visiting Catholic dignitary is professor of English literature at Santa Clara and official historian of the Sacramento diocese which he is including in a book he is writing. He also will speak at 10 a.m. mass Sunday on this subject.

The Rev. Walsh was chaplain of the state American Legion in 1937 and 1938. At present, he is visiting with the Rev. A. T. Gavin.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 14, 1941**

Sisters Open Nursery School—The sisters of the Order of the Holy Family have opened a nursery school in the old St. Joseph's parish house, which was remodeled recently.

Approximately 20 children registered for the school when it opened. Children aged three to six years are eligible to enter.

Members of the organization said the registration is not limited to Catholics, but that the school is open to the public.

Classes are held from 9 a.m. to noon daily, Monday through Friday.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, December 18, 1941**

Richard Minear Of Redding, U. S. Marine, Killed At Pearl Harbor— Richard Minear Jr., formerly of Redding, died on the battleship Arizona when it was sunk by the Japs at Pearl harbor, according to word received in Redding by an aunt, Mrs. C. A. Moore, from another aunt, Mrs. W. A. Banigan of Susanville. . . .

The first gold star on St. Joseph's Catholic church's service flag will replace the blue star beside Minear's name. The flag will be dedicated after the 11 a.m. mass Sunday, when memorial services will be held for Minear. The gold star signifies death in action.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, February 9, 1942**

Father Gavin Opens "For God And Country" Defense Stamp Sale—The Rev. A. T. Gavin launched a county-wide "for God and country" campaign Sunday, under which members of St. Joseph's Caholic church were asked to purchase defense stamps and give them to the church.

Father Gavin explained that both the nation and the church would benefit from the program.

Sunday stamp folders were distributed, and persons interested in entering the drive signed pledges. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, February 21, 1942**

Bishop Will Have Service— The Rt. Rev. Robert Armstrong, Catholic bishop of Sacramento, will come here to dedicate the shrine for peace in St. Joseph's Catholic church.

Bishop Armstrong also will bless the new stations of the cross, which were acquired when the church was reconstructed.

The stations were painted by a famed artist who was here last year.

The special services will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic church at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Interior of St. Joseph Church before the 1941 reconstruction **(Courtesy Mr. & Mrs. Dan Coughlin)**

Interior of St. Joseph Church after reconstruction, Christmas 1941, Plywood figures depicting the nativity scene

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, February 28, 1942**

Father Gavin Proposes Victory Garden Plan To Local Residents—The Rev. A. T. Gavin, who long has been one of the leading workers in garden club activities here, is branching from flowers to vegetables in a new program—a victory garden.

Father Gavin has called a meeting in the hall of St. Joseph's Catholic church for 8 p.m. Monday, when the program will be discussed and studied.

He proposes to organize a group of persons who are alarmed over the prospective shortage of fresh vegetables and operate a joint garden.

Under Father Gavin's plan each person would contribute $1 per month. A gardener will be employed and all types of vegetables planted. Each week the vegetables will be distributed to the members of the cooperative by the members of the Catholic boys' club. Father Gavin said any surplus of vegetables will be given to poor families.

He said membership in the cooperative will be open to all persons regardless of whether they are Catholics. He said all persons interested in such a program are invited to attend the meeting Monday.

A site for the garden has been selected on river bottom land about four miles south of Redding. Father Gavin said members will not work in the garden, but buy memberships for the $1 fee.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, June 16, 1942**

Father A. T. Gavin crowned Alma Hein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hein, May queen at elaborate services in honor of the Virgin Mary. The services were held at St. Joseph's Catholic church on Sunday, May 31. The crowning climaxed a procession by all of the children of the parish, and the blessing of the Catholic mothers of the area.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, July 3, 1942**

Mausoleum To Be Dedicated—Elaborate ceremonies conducted by the Most Rev. Robert Armstrong, bishop of Sacramento, will mark the dedication Tuesday of the new St. Joseph's mausoleum near Redding.

Monday at 7 p.m. the bishop will bless the cemetery and the cornerstone of the building.

St. Joseph Mausoleum and Cemetery

Tuesday morning dedication ceremonies will begin with a flag raising ceremony by the Redding troop of Sea Scouts. It will be followed immediately by the bishop's mass at 7 a.m. Low mass will be said at 8 a.m.

The bishop will preside at the solemn mass of dedication at 9 a.m. celebrated by the Rev. Niall Harrington, assistant pastor of the Redding Catholic church. He will be assisted by the Rev. James Healy of Walnut Grove as deacon and the Rev. Joseph Madden of Davis, subdeacon.

After the mass, a tribute to the soldier dead will be paid by the bishop at solemn absolution rites.

Redding members of the V. F. W. and American Legion will participate with a flag corps and firing squad.

Dedication and blessing of the mausoleum will occur only two days after the anniversary of the St. Joseph's Catholic church here. The Rev. Healy and the Rev. Madden, who will assist Tuesday, were the Rev. A. T. Gavin's first assistants when he came here in 1926.

Mass of dedication, July 7, 1942, Bishop Robert J. Armstrong, Presiding; Father Joseph Madden, Subdeacon; Father James Healy, Deacon; Father Niall Harrington, Celebrant

Master of ceremonies will be the Rev. C. H. Murphy of Eureka and the Rev. Michael L. Lyons of Sacred Heart church, Sacramento. . . .

Dedication of the mausoleum will climax a year of expansion of the Redding Catholic church under the direction of the Rev. A. T. Gavin, pastor.

During the past year the church building has been enlarged and beautified in a $29,000 project, a convent of the Sisters of the Holy Family order has been established, and the $45,000 mausoleum and new cemetery have been built and established.

The public is invited to attend the blessing ceremony Monday evening and the dedication ceremonies Tuesday.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, October 7, 1942

Father Gavin To Have Services At Big Bend Job—Father A. T. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church here, announced today that he would begin holding weekly services at the Big Bend powerhouse project job Saturday morning.

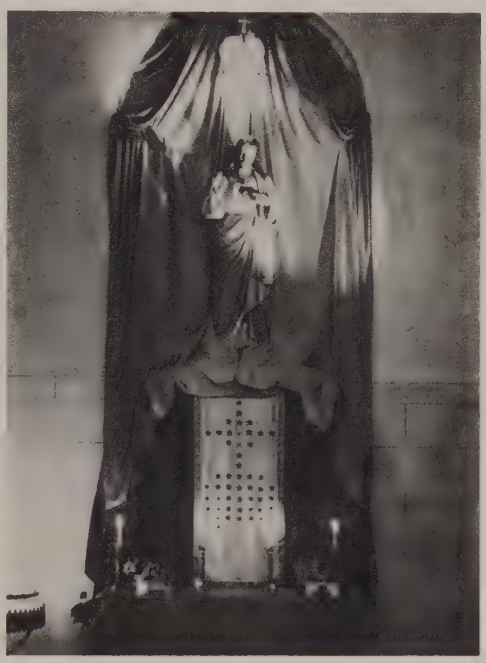
Mass will be said each Saturday at 9 a.m. at the theatre building at Connolly's No. 2 camp, Father Gavin said.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Monday, November 23, 1942

A Shrine To Incite Prayer For Peace, Men In Service—St. Joseph's Catholic church of Redding is the first in the state and possibly in the nation to tie in the idea of the feast of Christ the king of peace, with a display portraying the thoughts behind this feast in the Catholic church during war times.

In a nook in the church here, Father A. T. Gavin, pastor, and Father Niall Harrington, assistant, arranged a statue of Christ, adorned with a crown. Tied into this theme is the service flag of the parish, a flag which now contains 76 stars representing youths of the parish who are fighting for their country.

The flag contains two gold stars, representing Richard Minear of Redding and Harry Caulfield of French Gulch, who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor. . . .



St. Joseph Church
Shrine for Peace
1942

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, March 6, 1943

Lenten Fast For Catholics Is Postponed—Redding Catholics are not compelled to fast this Lent because of food rationing and war conditions. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Monday, May 3, 1943

Catholic Altar Boys Have Party And Receive Pins—To mark completion of their training and examinations, the altar boys of St. Joseph's Catholic church were entertained by the Sisters of the Holy Family at a party Saturday afternoon in the Sunday school hall.

During the afternoon, Father A. T. Gavin visited the group and presented altar boy pins to the new boys who had taken the examinations.

Those receiving pins were Michael Morgan, Robert Harris, William Becker, Robert Becker, John Fitzpatrick, Jerry Coughlin, Danny Coughlin, Murray Hannon, Joseph Enck, George Enck, Merle Kaplin, Raymond Kassis, Robert Kassis, and Stanley Keyes.

These boys were guests of the others, who received their pins last year, these latter including Jerry Twomey, president of the club; James Morgan, Jack Reiser, Francis McEnaney, James Crumpacker, Joseph Korteum and Joseph Theisen.

Other guests enjoying the fun with the group were Jerry Theisen and Donald Krick. Several of the mothers also were present.

After the games and the pin presentation, the boys enjoyed ice cream and other refreshments, served with patriotic appointments and with little ships for favors. Red and white flowers and red, white and blue paper napkins set the color scheme for the decorations.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, May 21, 1943**

Nursery School Children In Holy Procession–Little children in the nursery school, conducted by the Sisters of the Holy Family, formed a holy procession Wednesday in honor of the Virgin Mary, marching reverently from their schoolroom into the church where a short service was held.

This was the first time the nursery school children have held the procession.

The Rev. Father A. T. Gavin conducted the children's service in the church, with the assistance of Rev. Father Niall Harrington; and parents and friends of the children witnessed the procession.

Barbara Boyd, one of the little girls of the school, was the queen; Karen Orr carried the crown on the pillow, Carolyn Bodenhamer and Dorothy Ann Baker were the ribbon bearers and James Dean and Richard Schuchert carried the float. The others marched in the line, the little girls all wearing veils with flowers.

After the service, the sisters gave the children a May party in their schoolroom and also invited the mothers in for ice cream and cookies.

Sisters of the Holy Family
Sr. Lucy, Sr. Monica, Sr. Annette, Sr. Amelia

The children were seated at one long table centered with three miniature Maypoles with tiny dolls holding the pastel-hued streamers. Napkins and little baskets of candy were also in the pastel colors.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, November 6, 1943**

Central Valley Masses Changed–Masses at Central Valley have been changed from 9 a.m. Sundays to 10:30 a.m. Sunday in order to make it possible to conduct masses also at the Redding army airdrome, Father Alphonsus T. Gavin of St. Joseph's Catholic church announced.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, June 1, 1944**

Catholics Honor Virgin Mary As Queen of May–May Queen Patricia Donnelly placed a crown of lilies of the valley and pink sweetpeas atop the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the conclusion of the 11 a.m. mass at St. Joseph's Catholic church Sunday to highlight the annual May celebration, honoring the month of Mary, queen of the May.

The procession of children from the parish social hall into the church was led by Burton Harrington, cross bearer, flanked by acolytes James Donnelly and Bobby Kassis. The three wore white surplices and cassocks as did Jerry Twomey, who carried the service flag, and his assistants, Raymond Kassis and Billy Becker.

The six torchbearers, James Trussas, David Becker, Gene Bui, Danny Coughlin, James Mazzini, and Donald Krick wore gold cassocks and were followed by Frances Dugger, Dolores Krick, Lila Mae Popish and Jean Forri, who carried the white float on which stood the blue and white statue of the Virgin Mary, encircled with pink sweetpeas.

Johnny Gullixson carried the crown on a white satin pillow, its blue streamers held by Susan Green and Georgia Nel Augustine.

David Kehoe was train bearer for the queen, who wore a white gown and blue veil and was preceded by Barbara Kassis and Alma Hein, past queens. Concluding the

May Procession, 1944, Father Niall Harrington, Celebrant

procession were boys in dark suits and girls wearing short white frocks and veils held by flower coronets.

Children from Shasta Dam, Toyon, Central Valley, French Gulch, Anderson and Redding took part.

After mass mothers brought their babies to the communion rail, where they were blessed by Father A. T. Gavin and Father Niall Harrington and presented with medals by the queen and her assistants.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, October 3, 1945**

Father Niall Harrington Is Transferred–Father Niall Harrington, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's church here since September, 1940, left this morning for Sonora, where he has been transfered to serve as assistant.

Father Harrington came here from Rome, where he was studying at the time Italy entered the war. One of his experiences at the time was standing in Palazzio Venezia when Mussolini announced the declaration of war.

Although he was a native of Ireland, a neutral, he was severely restricted, and reached Portugal after a harrowing experience, with neither food nor water for many hours. His home was Castletownbere, Eire.

Tuesday noon, 35 men of the church gathered for a farewell luncheon for Father Harrington at the parish hall, John Reiser presenting him with a money gift from the group and Father A. T. Gavin giving a short talk.

Thirty-six women of the Catholic Social Club honored him at an informal gathering in the evening at the home of Mrs. R. A. Tremper, who, as president of the organization, presented him a gift from the club.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Thursday, October 11, 1945

Father DeAndreis Named Assistant Priest Here–Father John DeAndreis has arrived in Redding from Sonora to take up new duties as assistant priest of St. Joseph's Catholic Parish, replacing Father Niall Harrington who succeeded him as assistant in the Sonora parish.

Father DeAndreis, a native of California, received his early schooling at Christian Brothers' high school in Sacramento and then was graduated from Menlo Park seminary. He was ordained in December, 1944, and had served at Sonora one year before coming here.

Father John DeAndreis
Assistant Pastor
1945-1948
(Courtesy Mrs. Robert Gullixson)

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, November 2, 1945

Mrs. Putnam To Head Mothers' Club–Mrs. Robert Putnam is to be the first president of the newly organized Mothers' club, which holds monthly meetings in the parish hall of St. Joseph's Catholic church.

. . . The group enjoyed a talk by Father J. DeAndreis on the subject of "Family Life.". . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, January 11, 1946

Details Given On Plans For Parish School–Preliminary plans for construction of a parochial school were made last night by members of St. Joseph's parish, meeting in the parish hall.

Dick Mallery, local businessman, was named chairman of a group which will canvass the parish and determine the amount of money which can be pledged, as well as the approximate expected enrollment.

The Rev. Father A. T. Gavin, pastor, said present plans call for the expenditure of $20,000 on the first unit, which would be erected as soon as possible, and which would have rooms for at least the first four classes.

An auditorium and cafeteria would be included in the remaining two units, which would be constructed later. Total cost of the school over the years would be about $60,000.

Nuns from the order of the Sisters of Mercy, which now staffs the Mercy hospital, will make up the faculty and will receive a monthly salary of $40. Tuition would be 50 cents weekly per pupil.

The site is to be chosen by a committee including Steve Roycroft, Joseph Sauer and Dr. C. C. Gerrard.

Mallery's committee will report on its canvass at a meeting next Thursday at 8 p.m. Father Gavin reported that a recent census showed the parish has approximately 250 children in 500 families.

Mallery asked that parents interested in sending their children to the school get in touch with him or Father Gavin.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, June 28, 1946

Catholic Vacation School Presents Minstrel Program–The Catholic vacation school held its closing picnic and swimming party yesterday afternoon at the St. Mary's lake. The school, which has been in session for three weeks, has had 120 pupils enrolled with a daily average attendance of 93, including children from Anderson, Toyon, Igo and Redding.

A minstrel program and display of exhibits were given for parents in the St. Joseph's parish hall Wednesday afternoon. . . .

The school, conducted by the Sisters of the Holy Family, is under the direction of Father A. Gavin and Father John DeAndreis.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, July 20, 1946

Catholics To Open Two-Grade School–A Catholic grammar school will be opened in St. Joseph's church auditorium in September, the Rev. Father Alphonsus T. Gavin, pastor, said today.

The School will cover the first and second grades and will be in charge of the Sisters of Mercy. Meanwhile plans are progressing on the new school to be built at Rose street and Eureka Way. Harry Devine of Sacramento is the architect.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, November 2, 1946

Catholic Children Are Given Halloween Party–Children of the first and second grade classes of the St. Joseph's parish school were given a Halloween party Thursday afternoon in the parish hall. Sisters Mary Patricia and Mary Eileen were in charge of the games which included musical chairs and eating apples which were hung from the ceiling.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Thursday, November 7, 1946

Catholics Plan Recreation Center–The Catholic Youth Council, organized to coordinate young people's activity in the St. Joseph's parish, held its preliminary meeting last night in the parish hall.

Objectives outlined were the establishment of a recreation center, securing equipment, appointment of dependable leaders and a definite governing body, consisting of four members with the president as chairman.

Father John DeAndreis heads the group and temporary chairman is Ed Sheehan with Veronica Satorius, teacher at Shasta union high school, as temporary secretary. Officers will be elected soon. The council will meet monthly and the next meeting will be held Nov. 20, at 8 p.m.

Groups to be organized under the council are a study club, high school and grammar school sports programs, adults sports program, dance committee, calendar and advertising committee and a transportation committee.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward D. Ryan will be chairmen of the dance committee with Pat Lewis, chairman of girls' high school athletics.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, December 28, 1946

Catholic Gold Star Concert Sunday–A sacred concert and organ recital will be held Sunday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Catholic church honoring the memory of 10 gold stars of the parish: Richard Minear, Harry Kauffman, William Whitford, Paul Carr, Kenneth Carr, Victor Franchetti, Dale Brazelton, Leo Morgan, Don Freimans and Curtley Duncan. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, May 14, 1947

Shastan Will Become Priest–The first Catholic priest from Redding, the Rev. Father Francis A. Moore, S. J., will be ordained in ceremonies performed by His

Excellency Archbishop John J. Mitty in St. Mary's cathedral, San Francisco, June 16. The ordination comes after 13 years of study in the Jesuit order. The new priest will return to Redding to celebrate his first solemn high mass in St. Joseph's church Sunday, June 29, at 8:00 a.m.

Father Moore was born in Ventura, Dec. 25, 1916, the son of the late Jess W. Moore and Mary E. Wood of Redding. He is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Banigan and Mrs. Ada Moore and cousin of Dr. Jess A. Moore, all of this city, and the step-son of Richard J. Minear of Sacramento.

The young priest was educated in the Redding grammar schools and Shasta union high school where he was president of the 1934 graduating class, captained basketball and track teams, and was a life member and first president of the California Scholarship federation. He was an Eagle Scout of old Troop 44 here.

Entering the Society of Jesus in 1934, Father Moore spent four years of study at the Sacred Heart novitiate in Los Gatos. After three years of graduate study in philosophy in Spokane, he was granted his M. A. degree from Gonzaga university.

From 1941 to 1944 he taught English and Latin at the University of Santa Clara. He also acted as faculty advisor on the student newspaper, and coached the university swimming and tennis teams and intermural basketball. During the war, he was an instructor on the civilian staff of the army specialized training program at Santa Clara.

Since 1944 he has been studying theology at Alma college near Los Gatos in the Santa Cruz mountains. Following ordination, Father Moore will return there for a fourth year of theology and to prepare for a comprehensive examination in seven years of philosophy and theology. His Jesuit course will conclude with a final year of spiritual training at Port Townsend, Wash.

The following priests will assist Father Moore at his high mass here: the Rev. Father Alphonsus T. Gavin will be assistant priest and preacher; the Rev. Father Patrick J. Cronin, pastor of Chico and formerly of Redding, will be deacon; and the Rev. Father Edwin A. McFadden, S. J., of the Jesuit retreat house in Los Altos, will be subdeacon.

A reception will be held in the parish hall of St. Joseph's church from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, June 30, 1947**

Father Moore Has 1st Mass—Celebrating his first solemn high mass in St. Joseph's church yesterday was the Rev. Francis A. Moore, S. J., the first Catholic priest from Redding. Mass was celebrated at 8 a.m. and a reception for the new priest was held in the parish hall from 2 to 5 p.m.

Father Moore, who was ordained recently by His Excellency Archbishop John J. Mitty in St. Mary's cathedral, San Francisco, is the son of the late Jesse W. Moore and Mary E. Wood of Redding. He is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Banigan and Mrs. Ada Moore. He is a cousin of Dr. Jesse A. Moore, all of Redding, and the stepson of Richard J. Minear of Sacramento.

A graduate of Redding grammar schools and Shasta union high school, he completed 13 years of study in the Jesuit order, entering the Society of Jesus, in 1934. He spent four years of study at the Sacred Heart novitiate in Los Gatos and after three years of graduate study in philosophy, he was granted the M. A. degree from Gonzaga university.

He will return to Alma college near Los Gatos for a fourth year in theology and prepare for a comprehensive examination in seven years of philosophy and theology.

Assisting Father Moore at his high mass were the Rev. Father A. T. Gavin, assistant priest; the Rev. Father Patrick J. Cronin, pastor of Chico and formerly of Redding, as deacon; and the Rev. Father Eugene Fahy of the University of San Francisco. Father Moore gave his personal blessings to several hundreds after mass. Mrs. Frances Trussas directed the choir.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, July 30, 1947**

More Grades Being Added To Parish School–Plans for a girls' academy are an eventual part of the educational program of St. Joseph's parish, the Rev. Father Alphonsus Gavin, pastor, announced today.

The parish is buying the home of Dr. Earnest Dozier, 2323 Placer street, and will move part of its school there in January after Dozier has transferred his belongings to Happy Valley.

The parish school will open in September with a nursery, to be operated by the Sisters of the Holy Family; and low first, second and third grades, to be operated by the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Patricia of Sacramento will be principal, and five nuns are to be transferred here.

The school will add a grade each year. Later, a girls' academy is planned, to include high school courses, music and art. A new building will be erected at that time.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 7, 1947**

Catholic School Dedication Held–The site of St. Joseph's Catholic church's new parochial school, on west Placer street, was formally dedicated in a ceremony performed Friday by the Most Rev. Robert J. Armstrong, bishop of the Sacramento Diocese. More than 200 attended the ceremony, including children, parents and parish members, held at the former Dozier home on the property.

A reception followed the dedication, and the Rev. Father A. T. Gavin was in charge of arrangements.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, November 15, 1947**

Father McEnaney Dies At 54–The Rev. Father Francis Joseph McEnaney, 54, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church here, died early this morning at the Sisters' hospital in Sacramento. The Associated Press reported he had been suffering from cancer, and had been in the hospital for three weeks.

A solemn requiem mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's church here Monday at 9 a.m. Funeral services will be held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery in Sacramento.

Father McEnaney had been stationed here for the past two years. At one time, he had been stationed in Weaverville, where during his pastorate the Catholic church was built.

A native of Ireland, he had been stationed also at the cathedral and Sacred Heart parishes in Sacramento, and at Eureka, Yreka, Arcata, Ft. Jones and Colfax.

Father McEnaney, born in County Galway in June, 1893, was graduated from the National University of Ireland in Dublin and studied theology at All Hallow's college, also in Dublin. He was ordained to the priesthood May 5, 1918.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, November 19, 1947**

Baptists Plan To Spend $200,000 For Church On Eureka Way– . . . Two deeds filed yesterday with the county recorder disclosed the property sale. The first deed was from A. F. and Rose Dobrowsky to theRt. Rev. Robert J. Armstrong, Roman Catholic bishop of Sacramento. Stamps on the deed indicated the purchase price was $10,000.

A second deed from Bishop Armstrong to the First Baptist church had stamps which showed the property had been sold for $12,000.

The new First Baptist church will be located on Eureka way between Willis and West streets on a two-acre square lot.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, April 5, 1973**

25 Years Ago—Father Brian Kelly arrived in Sacramento recently from Ireland for service in this diocese. He has been assigned as assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Redding.

Lynn Gullixson, Father Brian Kelly, Jill Smith, Entrance to rectory on St. Patrick's Hill
(Courtesy Mrs. Robert Gullixson)

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, May 31, 1948**

Shirley Blagrave Queen At Catholic Coronation Here—Shirley Blagrave was queen yesterday as St. Joseph's Catholic church observed Coronation of the Blessed Mary at 11 a.m. mass.

She wore a crown of lilies of the valley and pink sweetpeas and was dressed in a white gown with blue veil as the statue of the Blessed Virgin was crowned.

Some 150 girls, wearing white dresses and veils, participated in a procession.

The queen's attendants were Joanne Turner and Kathleen Exner, while Richard Kehoe was trainbearer and Stephen Carlton, crownbearer. Acting as streambearers were Jill Smith and Marilyn Smith.

James Mazzini as crossbearer led the procession. He was flanked by acolytes Robert Becker, Kevin Bermingham, Richard Porterfield, John Gullixson, Carl Mallery, David Kehoe, Alex Robillard, Mark Thompson, Thomas Caulfield and Harold Urban.

A white float bearing the statue of the Virgin Mother was carried by Maureen McEnaney, Joyce Zipfel, Barbara Boyd and Joan Crean.

Blessing of mothers and their infants followed the mass and they were also presented with medals by the queen and her attendants.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 16, 1948**

The Rev. Father John DeAndreis of St. Joseph's parish has been transferred to Fall River Mills to serve the eastern Shasta county area. He will also act as chaplain for the California youth authority camp at Whitmore.

The Rev. Father A. T. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's parish, announced Father DeAndreis will be replaced here by the Rev. Father Daniel Minogue, who recently arrived from Ireland.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, June 18, 1949**

Father Harrington Back In Redding—The Rev. Father Niall Harrington has returned here to St. Joseph's parish after nearly four years in the Sonora parish. He replaces the Rev. Father Daniel Minogue, who has been transferred to Sonora.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, October 3, 1949**

Nuns End Work; Close Convent—After eight years of work throughout Shasta county, the Redding convent of the Sisters of the Holy Family is closing its doors.

The formation of a new parish in eastern Shasta county, the contemplated uniting of parishes at Anderson and Cottonwood and the prospective addition of three grades to St. Joseph's school were given by the Rev. Father A. T. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's parish, as the reason for the closing. The nuns are needed more elsewhere, he added.

The sisters have taught catechism to Catholic children attending public schools and have also done social work among the needy.

With school facilities soon to be ready for Catholic children, the sisters' work comes to an end.

From here the nuns—Sister Superior Tarcissius, Sister Basil, Sister Martha and Sister Ignatius—go to the mother house in San Francisco for reassignment.

Their leaving also means the closing of the nursery school at St. Joseph's. Teaching at the parish school and work at Mercy hospital will be continued by the Sisters of Mercy.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, October 26, 1949**

Father Kelly Leaves Redding—The Rev. Father Brian Kelly, chaplain for the Young Ladies' Institute of Redding, bade farewell to the members Monday. He will go to Sonora to replace the Rev. Father Daniel Monogue, who will go to Maxwell.

SHASTA COURIER **Thursday, November 17, 1949**

Weaverville Priest—The Rev. Father James White has been assigned to Weaverville as pastor of the Catholic church there. He comes to Weaverville from Eureka.

The Rev. Father Patrick Burke, who has been stationed in Weaverville, is being transferred to Redding.

St. Joseph Church, May Altar, 1950

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, March 11, 1950**

Catholics To Build New School–Redding is to have a new Catholic school this year.

The announcement was made today in Sacramento by the Rt. Rev. Robert Armstrong, bishop of the Sacramento diocese.

Bishop Armstrong said the school would have "five or six classrooms" and would be on St. Patrick's hill to the south of the church's parish house at the west end of Placer street.

Land for the school, he said, has been cleared, and he hopes to have the building ready when classes resume in September. The school will be in the charge of the Sisters of Mercy, who now operate Mercy hospital and the present Catholic school here.

Bishop Armstrong said details of the project are still to be worked out. He is expected to discuss it again with the Rev. Father A. T. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's parish, later this month.

The bishop, together with the Rev. Father Raymond Renwald, diocesan superintendant of schools, talked over plans for the school here recently with Father Gavin, who is convalescing after an operation.

The Catholic school opened here four years ago with an enrollment of 35, and now has a registration of 192 in its five grades. Other grades are expected to be added in the new school.

Classes are now being held in the church basement.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, June 27, 1950**

Catholics Have School Body–The Rev. Father A. T. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, has formed a committee to work with him on a campaign for funds to build a school. Dr. J. M. Kehoe is chairman, Grant Thompson, secretary; and M. G. Fitzgerald, treasurer.

Others on the committee are: Don Birmingham, Charles M. Dicker, John Fitzpatrick, Mike Kassis, William Quinlan, John Reiser, James Sacco, Bernard Steffan and George Voorhies.

Father Gavin is hopeful the new school should be ready for students by mid-October, but classes will resume as usual in September in the present location.

The new school will have six classrooms and accomodate six classes. Rooms for two additional classes will be added later. No kindergarten class will be opened this year, because of lack of nuns to handle it.

The school will be on St. Patrick's hill, east of the rectory, atop the Placer street hill.

The parish, in 1946, had made plans for a school on Eureka way. These plans were dropped, however, and the property was sold to the First Baptist church. The proceeds were used to buy the property on St. Patrick's hill.

Land there not needed for the school is to be sold, and the site will then be free of debt.

Getting funds for the school building, however, is something else. The committee hopes to distribute 300 statue banks, into which families will put at least 50 cents a week. Parishioners are being asked to pledge funds for the project, and special envelopes will be used in the weekly church collection for school funds.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, September 21, 1950**

Catholics Talk Of School Plans–Plans for a new grammar school on Taylor street, which would care for children in all eight grades, were discussed Tuesday night by men of St. Joseph's parish.

The Rev. Father Thomas O'Brien, administrator of the parish, said the Taylor

street site had been approved by Harry Devine, Sacramento architect who prepared the plans.

He said the parish church, schools, rectory and convent ultimately might be centered around that section of Taylor street.

Finances also were discussed, and plans revealed to sell some of the church's property.

NOTE: *Taylor Street was renamed Gold Street*

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, March 10, 1951**

Father Gavin Dies After Long Illness—The Rev. Father Alphonsus T. Gavin, 61, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church here, died in Mercy Hospital at midnight last night. He had been ill for more than a year.

The body will lie in state at Meininger's mortuary until 4 p.m. Monday. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Monday at St. Joseph's church to be followed Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. by recitation of the Office of the Dead. Solemn requiem mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. with burial in St. Joseph's mausoleum.

About 40 priests from northern California will attend, as will the Rt. Rev. Robert Armstrong, bishop of the Sacramento diocese.

The Rev. Father Patrick McTague of Redding will celebrate the mass with the Rev. Father James Healy of Folsom as deacon and the Rev. Father James O'Shea of Broderick as sub-deacon.

Father Gavin's only known relative is a sister in Ireland.

Friends have been asked not to send flowers.

Father Gavin had been ill for more than a year and had spent much of that time in the hospital. Protestants and Catholics alike had given blood to keep him alive.

He had been unable to attend to his parish duties, and the Rev. Father Patrick McTague was brought here several months ago to act as administrator.

Born July 16, 1889, in Limerick, Ireland, he began his studies for the priesthood in 1910. He also attended St. Patrick's college at Thurles, and All Hallows college, Dublin.

Following his ordination in Dublin in 1915, he came to California and had his first parish at Auburn. Later he served in Goldfield, Nev., and about 1925 came to Redding.

As a young man he had an exceptional voice, and he was trained by the famous Dr. Vincent O'Brien who also taught John McCormack.

His talents as an organizer were first shown in Goldfield. The town had a bad fire, and he was put in charge of the Red Cross. As a result when Redding had its disastrous flood in the late thirties, he was given similar duties here.

Goldfield remembered him and a Goldfield resident, a Protestant, later left him part of his estate. Father Gavin used the funds in his church work here. He is credited with inventing the Novack golf club, which permits the heads of various types of clubs to be screwed onto a single shaft. He named it after his golfing friend, Joe Novack, now president of the Golfers' Association of America. During the war the veterans administration bought many clubs for use by wounded veterans.

Father Gavin was a prime mover in the first annual flower show here. He built St. Joseph's mausoleum, renovated the church, started a Catholic school, saw Mercy hospital started.

For many years he was also a member of the city planning commission.

Sister Teresita announced that St. Joseph's school will be closed Monday and Tuesday in honor of Father Gavin.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, March 12, 1951**

EDITORIAL–Love Enough for Everyone

His love was big enough for everyone to have a share. And our town and its people are better because that magnificent man, the Rev. Father Alphonsus T. Gavin, was one of its leading citizens for some 25 years.

There are physical things which will be here for centuries to attest to his boundless energy and organizing skill: a mausoleum, a school, a hospital. Until the last year or two, when illness prevented, Fr. Gavin was a part of nearly every civic enterprise, every committee working for the community good. And when others doubted that some task could be accomplished, he assured them that of course it could–and then proved that it could.

Father Alphonsus T. Gavin
(Courtesy Mrs. Julian L. Watkins)

His contributions of mind and spirit were even greater than the physical accomplishments. More than any other man, he taught tolerance. He practiced tolerance. He showed by example his belief in the brotherhood of man–and his love for his brothers. The good will and honest affection he radiated were reciprocated. His friends and admirers numbered in the thousands, of all faiths and creeds.

This is one community in which there is little bigotry, little religious intolerance, little prejudice. It sounds almost too pat, but it's the truth: the first time the writer, a newcomer in Redding 12 years ago, saw Fr. Gavin was at some kind of community dinner meeting. Seated alongside one another and in friendly, animated conversation were Fr. Gavin, the master of the Masonic lodge and a Jewish merchant. Not one of them we're sure, even noticed that here was a combination which would not have occurred in some less mature communities. Those who were here longer ago, before Fr. Gavin came to Redding, say that this boardminded good will did not always exist. As a new priest he encountered one angry gesture of protest the first time he was asked to speak at a public gathering. But he had broad shoulders and a broad grin and remarkable wisdom.

His friends were of all faiths. One of his cronies some years ago was the Methodist minister. Quite recently he offered the use of St. Mary's lake to a Protestant group as a site for summer Bible school classes.

This community may not have deserved a man as big and wise as Fr. Alphonsus T. Gavin, but it needed one and it was fortunate to have this man for its inspiration.

SHASTA COURIER **Thursday, March 15, 1951**

Many Attend Priest's Rites–A crowd that overflowed onto the street attended services Tuesday morning at St. Joseph's Catholic church for the Rev. Father Alphonsus T. Gavin, pastor of the church.

The Rev. Father Patrick McTague celebrated the solemn requiem mass, with the Rev. James Healy of Folsom as deacon and the Rev. James O'Shea of Broderick as sub-deacon.

In a brief eulogy, the Rt. Rev. Robert Armstrong, bishop of the diocese of Sacramento, praised the work of Father Gavin, who had been stationed here since about 1925.

The body was taken to St. Joseph's mausoleum for entombment. . .

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REV. PATRICK McTAGUE,

ADMINISTRATOR AND PASTOR

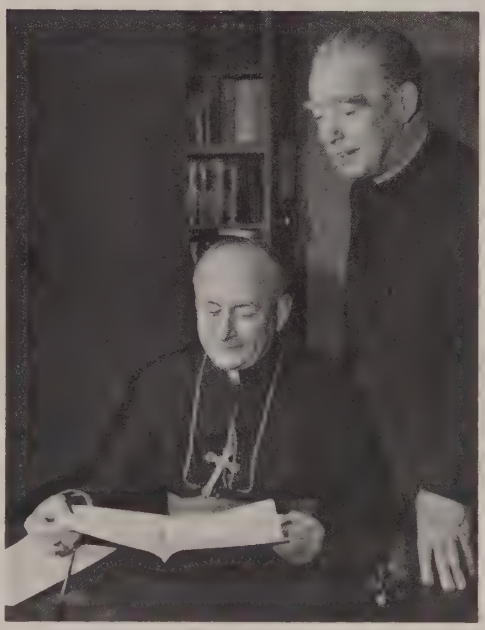
RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Monday, November 6, 1950

New Priest Will Head St. Joseph's–The Rev. Father Patrick McTeague has been named administrator of St. Joseph's parish here during the illness of the pastor, the Rev. Father Alphonsus T. Gavin.

Father McTeague succeeds the Rev. Father Thomas O'Brien, who has been acting as temporary administrator, and who will remain here.

Father McTeague is expected to arrive Wednesday to take over his new duties. He will be succeeded at McCloud by the Rev. Father Carl Willman of Sacramento.

Father McTeague, who was graduated from All Hallows college in Dublin, Ireland was ordained June 20, 1926. He comes here from McCloud.



Bishop Joseph T. McGucken and Father Patrick McTague, 1962
(Catholic Herald)

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, January 10, 1951

Thompson Heads Catholic Men–Men of St. Joseph's parish last night organized a Catholic Men's club, and elected Grant Thompson as president.

About 110 men, meeting in the Moose hall, also chose Bob Dicker as vice president; Bill Breen, secretary; George Smith, treasurer; and Joe Sauer, James Peltier, Bill Lewis, Jr., Bill Quinn and Laurance Kennedy, Sr., as directors.

Movies of the 1949 World Series were shown. By coincidence, Joe Hatten, Brooklyn Dodgers hurler who took part in the series, was in the audience.

Directors of the club will announce a meeting place and time later.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, February 3, 1951

Catholic Youth Choose First Officers–Jerry Coughlin is the first president of the newly organized Redding branch of the Catholic Youth Organization.

Election took place at the meeting on Tuesday, with the following other officers chosen at the same time:

Virginia Kennedy, vice-president; Stephanie Edminster, secretary; Bob Becker, treasurer and Bob Kassis, sergeant of arms. The Rev. Father O'Brien is counselor for the group.

Next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the parish hall. Meetings are to be held on alternate Tuesday nights.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, February 9, 1951**

Father Burke Dies In Sacramento–Services were held at Folsom this week for the Rev. Father Patrick Burke, 63, former pastor of St. Patrick's church in Weaverville. At one time he served as assistant pastor at St. Joseph's church here.

Father Burke died Monday in Sacramento after a long illness. A native of Ireland, he was educated there and served in Australia before coming to the United States. He had also held pastorates in Montana, New Mexico and Texas. He had planned a trip to Ireland before becoming ill.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednseday, April 4, 1951**

Catholics Plan Drive For School–A campaign for funds with which to build a new Catholic school will be held next October. The announcement was made by the Rev. Father Patrick McTague, pastor of St. Joseph's church.

The project has been discussed for several years. Richard Mallery is chairman of the school committee.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, August 15, 1951**

Catholics Plan School Drive–The men of St. Joseph's parish are organizing a committee to conduct a campaign for funds to help finance the building of a parochial school, it was announced today by Neil J. Callahan, campaign chairman. The campaign committee plans to raise $100,000 of this amount by contributions from members of the parish.

The present parochial school is in the basement of the church and cares for children through the sixth grade.

In announcing the plan to campaign for funds Callahan said:

"The present school is crowded, inadequate, and cannot accept all the requests for registration. The classrooms cannot be properly altered or expanded and the only solution is to build a new school. All the men of the parish will be asked to take an active part in the campaign early this fall to raise the funds to build this new school."

The project contemplates an eight-classroom school for instruction of boys and girls through all the elementary grades, but no kindergarten is planned at present. The school will be on a site on the north side of Gold street close to the airport.

"The school building is planned and situated so as to provide ease of expansion, and to allow ample play yard," Callahan said.

All classrooms will be daylighted from the north side with secondary or lateral daylighting by means of louvered horizontal strip windows over the roof of the covered walkways that will connect the two wings. Sanitary facilities and administrative rooms are provided at the end of each wing.

Each room will be 30 x 32 or 960 square feet and can seat a maximum of 55 pupils. The entire building, including the walkways, will contain 9000 square feet.

William J. Breen, vice chairman of the campaign committee, pointed out the necessity of solving the school problem. He said that the present school could not continue indefinitely and if the new school was not built it would create a more serious problem. It would mean, he said, that the approximately 190 pupils now being taught by the Sisters of Mercy in St. Joseph's school would have to be registered in the public schools within the city, adding to the seating problem already existing in those schools.

"We have a problem that can only be solved by united action and cooperation, but

I am sure that the people of our parish and others interested in having a parochial school will support the campaign and see it through to success," Breen said.

Headquarters for the school campaign have been established at the Golden Eagle Hotel.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, December 12, 1951

Rev. F. A. Moore Student Chaplain–The Rev. Francis A. Moore, S. J., has been appointed student chaplain at Santa Clara. He graduated from Shasta union high school and taught English and Latin at Santa Clara in 1941. More recently he appeared before a senate sub-committee on the question of contracts in professional baseball.

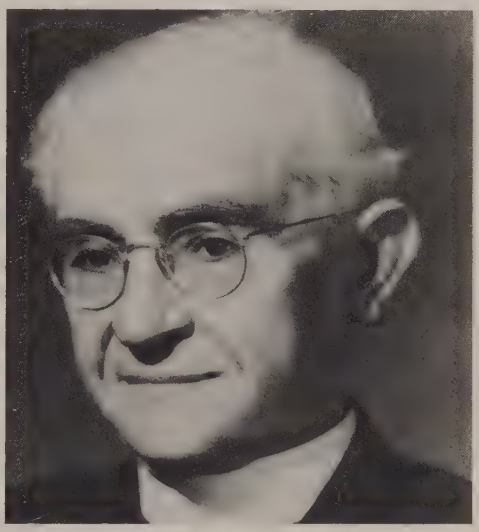
RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, February 22, 1952

Msgr. T. J. Hayes Dies In Placerville–The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Thomas J. Hayes, who was pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Redding from 1917 to 1925, died Tuesday in Placerville at the age of 70.

Priests office of the dead will be chanted Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's church in Placerville, followed by solemn mass of requiem at 11 a.m. Interment will be in Old St. Patrick's cemetery at Placerville. Rosary will be said at 8 p.m. Sunday at St. Patrick's church.

Surviving are two brothers, John and Dennis Hayes in Ireland, and cousins Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Kirby and Sister Mary Vincent. Msgr. Hayes was born in Ireland.

NOTE: *Father Thomas J. Hayes was pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Redding from 1914 to 1921.*



Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Hayes

(Catholic Herald)

Annual Retreat For Girls, June 12, 1952, Father Thomas O'Brien, C.Y.O. Director

Confirmation, October 5, 1952, Fr. Thomas O'Brien, Bishop Robert J. Armstrong, Fr. John O'Connor

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MSGR. JOHN O'CONNOR, PASTOR

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Monday, June 9, 1952

St. Joseph's To Welcome Pastor–Parishioners of St. Joseph's Catholic church will welcome their new pastor, the Rev. Father John O'Connor, at a reception tomorrow from 8 to 10 p.m. at St. Joseph's hall.

NOTE: *On Monday, June 23, 1952, ground was broken for St. Joseph School by the Most Reverend Robert J. Armstrong, Bishop of Sacramento. Others taking part in the ceremonies were Father Luke Powelson, Father John O'Connor, Father William Walsh, Neil Callahan, Laurence Carr, William Breen, Joseph Brennan, Sister Mary Teresita, Sister Mary Laurence and Sister Mary Regis. School children and their parents were in attendance and also interested parishioners.*

Groundbreaking For St. Joseph School, June 23, 1952
Neil Callahan, Bishop Robert J. Armstrong, Joseph P. Brennan, Fr. John O'Connor, Fr. William Walsh

Groundbreaking For St. Joseph School, June 23, 1952, Sister M. Regis, Sister M. Teresita, Sister M. Lawrence

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, December 2, 1952**

St. Joseph's Guild Organized, Meets Tomorrow–St. Joseph's Parents guild, a newly-formed organization, will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

President of the guild is Mrs. Mitzi Evans; vice president, Mrs. Ruth Urban; secretary, Mrs. Margaret Hannah; and treasurer, Vincent D'Amato.

A meeting was first held in September by all parents of children attending St. Joseph's Catholic school. They voted to form a guild, and the first reading of the constitution and bylaws was held in October. They are to be read at two more consecutive meetings. A committee was appointed to nominate officers, and they were elected.

A trophy will be awarded to the class having the highest percentage of parents present at the meeting. Roommothers Mrs. Mildred Mallery and Mrs. Isabel Bastunas and seventh grade parents will serve refreshments.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, December 17, 1952**

Altar Society Holds Yule Party–Women of St. Joseph's Altar society held their Christmas party at the parish house last Tuesday.

Gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served. Hostesses were Mrs. Peter Trussas, Mrs. Luke Mutchie, Mrs. Thomas Caulfield, Mrs. J. McGraw, Mrs. A. Zamboni, Mrs. A. B. Evans, Mrs. L. Carr, Miss Clara Martin and Mrs. A. Adams.

The party was preceded by election of officers for the coming year. They are Mrs. William Lightfoot, president; Mrs. William Banigan, vice president; Mrs. John Merlo, treasurer; and Mrs. L. R. Wolf, secretary.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, January 23, 1953**

St. Joseph's Altar Society–At the monthly meeting of St. Joseph's Altar society Tuesday Mrs. William Lightfoot, president, outlined the society's events for the coming year and listed the committees. . . .

The Rev. Father John O'Connor presented to Mrs. George Voorhies, out-going president, a statue of the Sacred Heart on behalf of the society for her work during the past year. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, April 25, 1953**

St. Joseph's To Dedicate New School—The formal dedication and blessing of the new St. Joseph's parochial school has been scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, the Rev. Father John O'Connor, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, has announced.

All classes in St. Joseph's school have been using the new two-wing building since Monday, Father O'Connor said, although part of the building has been in use since February while construction was being completed.

There are 104 students attending the school but completion of the first two wings of the new structure has made room for 400 students, the pastor said.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Coen, dean of the Red Bluff deanery; the Rev. Father James Poole, superintendent of Catholic schools for the diocese of Sacramento; and the Rev. Father Patrick McTague of Yreka, former pastor at Redding, are among the speakers scheduled for the dedication program.

Grant Thompson of Redding is in charge of arrangements for the dedication. Father O'Connor, Neil J. Callahan, of San Francisco, former Redding resident who was head of the fund-raising campaign for the school in 1951, and the children of the school under the direction of Sister M. Teresita, principal, all will participate.

Father Poole will speak on "Private Education and Democracy." After the program, the school will be inspected by the public at an open house to continue until 5 p.m. Father O'Connor invited the public to attend the ceremony and visit the new school.

Located on a 9 ½-acre tract on Gold street just east of the Benton airport, the school has ample room for expansion, as well as a large playground and recreation area, Father O'Connor said.

Albert Kahl of San Mateo was architect for the Basalite concrete-block building. Among its features are indirect lighting windows facing north above the roof line of each wing and windows on the south side of the wings sheltered from the sun by overhanging roofs covering connecting concrete walkways.

St. Joseph School, Dedicated May 3, 1953 by Msgr. William Coen

St. Joseph School **(Courtesy Sisters of Mercy)**

Future plans include a third wing and a multi-purpose building, Father O'Connor said. Construction was started June 23, 1952, by the J. P. Brennan company of Redding. Cost of the building was $161,000, the pastor added.

There are eight classrooms in the two present wings, providing space for grades one to eight. However, classes taught by four Sisters of Mercy go only through the seventh grade at present, Father O'Connor said.

A total of $85,000 was pledged for construction of the new school during the fund campaign, the pastor said, of which $56,000 has been received to date. Gene Kennedy was coordinator of the campaign.

Before moving into the new building, classes in St. Joseph's school had met in the basement of the church at Sacramento and Court streets, in a small parish hall nearby, and in a house next door to the church.

The former rectory of the church at 1733 Court street, which had been used as a convent for the Sisters of Mercy, will be occupied again by the parish priests in a few weeks, Father O'Connor said, and the present rectory, "St. Patrick's Hill," at 2323 Placer street, will be sold.

SACRAMENTO BEE **Monday, May 4, 1953**

New School In Redding Is Dedicated—Redding, Shasta Co.—Rev. James Poole, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Sacramento, exhorted supporters of private schools to continue their struggle for maintenance of the system for the benefit of their children.

Father Poole was the principal speaker at dedication ceremonies yesterday afternoon for the new $160,000 St. Joseph's School in West Redding.

The eight room school which has been in use a month was begun last June and was financed partially by $85,000 in pledges from members of the community.

It can accommodate 400 pupils, but now houses 204 from the first through the seventh grades. Sister Teresita is the principal.

Monsignor William Coen of Red Bluff, Tehama County, dedicated the structure. An open house followed the ceremony.

Also on the speakers' platform were Father Patrick McTague of Yreka, Siskiyou County, pastor here when the building fund campaign was begun in 1951; Mayor William Anthony of Redding, William Breen, fund campaign chairman, and Rev. John O'Connor, pastor of St. Joseph's Parish.

Laurence W. Carr, Redding attorney, was the master of ceremonies.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Thursday, June 18, 1953

Mass For Brother–Navy Chaplain Lieut. (jg) Francis A. Moore, S. J., of Redding, conducted a requiem mass for his half-brother Pfc. Richard J. Minear, USMC, aboard the sunken battleship *USS Arizona* at Pearl Harbor Memorial day. Altar boys were Cpl. Tom G. Williams, USMC and James L. Kelly, journalist second class, USN. Holding the canvas wind protector was William H. Prosser, journalist first class, USN. Pfc. Minear, also of Redding, was a member of the *Arizona's* marine detachment and his body is still entombed aboard the ship with 1,101 bluejackets and marines. Both Father Moore and Pfc. Minear were reared by their aunt, Mrs. W. A. Banigan of Redding.

Rev. Francis A. Moore, S.J. Mass aboard sunken *USS Arizona*, Pearl Harbor, 1953
(Courtesy Mrs. William A. Banigan)

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, June 27, 1953

Y L I To Sponsor Parish Library–Members of the Young Ladies Institute met last Monday to discuss plans for a parish library to be named the Father Gavin Memorial library in honor of the late Father Alphonsus Gavin.

The library will be set up in the vestibule of the church in the religious store. Miss Margaret Flanagan, assisted by Mrs. Ray Dowd and Mrs. Julian Watkins, has charge of the library. She reported that books on hand had already been catalogued. Membership cards will be sold later in the year. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Monday, July 27, 1953

Catholic Church Started in 1903–Redding's St. Joseph Catholic church was founded in 1903 when the Red Bluff parish was divided, and nearly all of Shasta county was included in the new parish with the Rev. Father Thomas Nugent as pastor.

There were some 70 communicants in Redding, the parish center at that time, and outside missions were at Anderson, Shasta, Keswick, Delta, Castella, Whitmore, and Burney village.

After about a year funds were raised for a new building in the present location which was occupied until fire destroyed the church and priest's residence in the summer of 1907.

A second church was completed and dedicated in 1910 with funds raised by William Harrington, Frank Carr and J. Hofer.

The Rev. Father John O'Connor is the present pastor at St. Joseph's church, succeeding the Rev. Father Patrick McTague a year ago. Father McTague succeeded the Rev. Father A. T. Gavin, who became pastor in Redding in 1926, and served until his death in 1951.

Father O'Connor was born in County Kerry, Ireland, and educated at All Hallows college, Dublin, where he was graduated in 1935. He came to Auburn in that year, and served parishes in Sacramento, Corning, and Yreka before coming to Redding.

Assistant pastors at the church at Sacramento and Court streets are the Rev. Father Thomas O'Brien and the Rev. Father William Walsh. The St. Joseph's School, dedicated May 3 of this year, is located on Gold street, adjacent to the airport, and has four Sisters of Mercy teaching under the direction of Sister Mary Teresita.

Parish organizations and presidents include the Catholic Men's club, Luke

Mutchie; St. Joseph's Altar society, Mrs. Mary Lightfoot; St. Joseph's School Parent's guild, Mrs. John Urban; Young Ladies Institute, Miss Virginia Orsini, and the Catholic Youth organization, Michael O'Brien.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 6, 1953**

Troop Forms At St. Joseph's–Boy Scout Troop 26 has been launched at St. Joseph's church.

The troop signed up seven new members at its first meeting last Wednesday in the parish hall. Herman Ebster, scoutmaster, and Bill Lewis, assistant scoutmaster, were in charge.

The new members were Charles Hajek, Bobby Schwegerl, Jimmy Schwegerl, Gary Yule, John Osness, Richard Kehoe and David Kehoe.

Three patrols were formed, with Dick Burton as leader of the Beaver patrol and Harold Urban as assistant, and Pat Enck, Mike Evans, Tom Carr and Richard Kehoe, members.

The other groups were: Flying Eagle patrol–Bill Lewis, leader, Steve Lindley, assistant, and Mike Lewis, Charles Hajek, Bobby Schwegerl, Jimmy Schwegerl and Gary Yule, members.

Cobra patrol–Gene Kennedy, leader, Paul Pike, assistant, and Pete Economou, Scott Anthony, Franklin Cibula, John Osness and David Kehoe, members.

Plans were discussed for a green bar meeting to be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the home of Scoutmaster Ebster. The next meeting will be held in the church hall at 7 p.m. Oct. 14.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, October 27, 1953**

New Officers Hold First Meeting–New offficers of the Catholic Youth organization were introduced and conducted their first meeting Wednesday evening at the St. Joseph's parish hall.

They were Miss Betty Moody, president; Miss Judith Nelson, vice president; Miss Sheila McEnaney, secretary; Alan Ruck, treasurer; Miss Rosalind Miller, corresponding secretary; and John Stewart, sergeant-at-arms.

A social hour and refreshments followed the meeting.

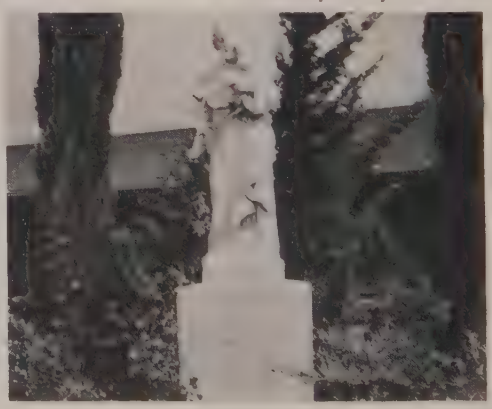
RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, November 2, 1953**

Mass Planned–The first regular evening mass, now permissible under a Eucharistic directive from Pope Pius XII, will be held at St. Joseph's church at 7:30 p.m. today.

The Rev. Father John O'Connor, pastor of St. Joseph's said from now on evening masses will be held in St. Joseph's on the first Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Evening masses will also be held on all holy days.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, May 2, 1954**

A statue of St. Joseph which was erected recently in the school grounds will be blessed next Wednesday at 9 A.M. and dedicated in memory of the late Mrs. May Tremper.



Statue of St. Joseph, St. Joseph School. In Memory of May Marengo Tremper

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, May 7, 1954

May Queen Crowning–Barbara Lightfoot, 12, and Shirley Mottern, 11, both seventh grade students at St. Joseph school, have been chosen to crown the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Joseph church in ceremonies today commemorative of Mother's day. The selection of the girls to crown the statue was based on scholarship and school spirit. Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lightfoot, and Shirley is the daughter of Mrs. Jean Mottern.

Barbara Lightfoot crowning the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, May 1954

Statue of the Infant of Prague, St. Joseph Church

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Thursday, May 20, 1954

St. Joseph Plans First Commencement–The first eighth grade class to be graduated from St. Joseph school will have commencement exercises at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 3, in the St. Joseph Catholic church parish hall, Sister Mary Teresita, superior of the school, announced.

The Rev. Father John O'Connor, pastor of the church, will be the commencement speaker. Graduating students also will appear on the program.

The school has had upper grade classes for the first time this year since moving into the new building at Olive and Gold streets in 1953. . . .

Fr. William Walsh, Fr. Patrick Nolan, Fr. John O'Connor, May 30, 1954

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, September 14, 1954**

New C Y O Group To Meet Tonight—The first meeting of the newly organized Catholic youth organization of St. Joseph parish will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in the parish hall in Redding, the Rev. Father Patrick Nolan, moderator announced.

The group has been reorganized and affiliated with the Diocesan C Y O in Sacramento, a branch of the National C Y O, founded and headed by Bishop Bernard Shiel of Chicago.

Also affiliated with the Sacramento group in Shasta-Tehama region are new C Y O branches at Anderson with the Rev. Father Walter Albrecht as moderator, and at Red Bluff with the Rev. Father James O'Dea as moderator.

Meetings of the Redding C Y O will continue to be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, Father Nolan said.

Adult advisory boards have been named to assist in developing and executing the various programs.

The Redding advisory board includes R. Miller, president and group advisor; Vincent D'Amato, vice president and transportation; Miss Veronica Satorius, secretary and spiritual activities.

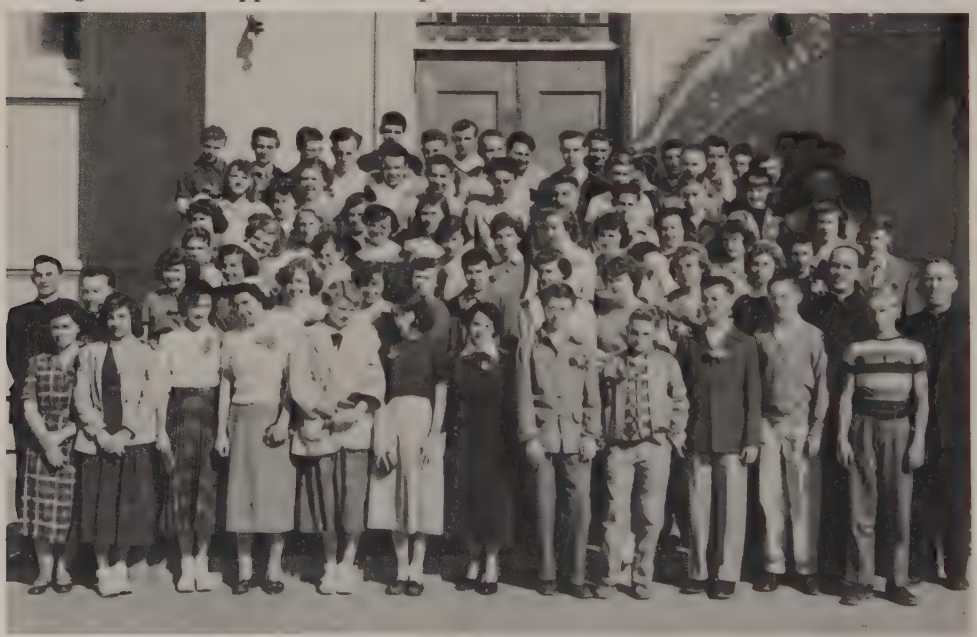
Others are Mrs. B. Moody and Mrs. R. Boyd, group advisors; Miss P. McCarthy, social advisor; William McCormick, cultural advisor; Grant Thompson, finance and publicity; John Urban, boys athletics; Mrs. I. Crowley, girls athletics; J. Pike and W. C. Schnitzler, transportation.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, January 29, 1955**

Catholic Church To Start Evening Masses On Sunday—For the first time, weekly Sunday evening masses will be celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic church in Redding starting tomorrow, the Rev. Father John O'Connor, pastor, said today.

Permission to celebrate a mass at 7:30 p.m. each Sunday, to relieve overcrowding of 9:30 and 11 a.m. masses at the church, was granted this week by the Rt. Rev. Robert Armstrong, bishop of the diocese of Sacramento, Father O'Connor said.

Pope Pius XII, in an anouncement in Rome last year, granted permission for evening masses with approval of bishops in each diocese. . . .



Day of Recollection, Fr. William Walsh, Fr. Thomas O'Brien, Fr. Richard Dwyer, Fr. Patrick McTague, March 2, 1952

Day of Recollection, Father Thomas O'Brien, Father Henry Vetter, C.P., April 19, 1953

Day of Recollection, Father Patrick Nolan, Father W.J. Brogley, C.Ss.R., April 25, 1954

Day of Recollection, Fr. James O'Dea, Fr. Joseph Palmer, Fr. Patrick Nolan, April 24, 1955

Retreat For Women Of The Parish, Cenacle Retreat House, 1955

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, February 18, 1955

Knights of Columbus Plan New Council in Redding– More than 200 candidates and guests are expected to gather in Redding Sunday for the institution of a new Knights of Columbus council at St. Joseph Catholic church, according to Clay Williams, chairman of dinner arrangements for the banquet that will close an all-day affair. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, November 2, 1955

Newman Club Joins Ranks Of Shasta College Groups–The Newman club–now organized as an "on-campus" club at Shasta College–held its regular monthly business meeting last night at the college.

The organization, known as the "Newman Club of Shasta college," has elected Milton Steen president for the fall semester. Jerry Piering is vice president; Rosalind Miller, secretary; Annabeth Rehder, treasurer, and Geraldine Gunther, campus council representative.

Lloyd Livingstone is faculty adviser, and the Rev. Father Patrick Nolan, chaplain.

Business meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month and social activities on the fourth Wednesday of the month. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, May 18, 1956

St. Joseph Church May Crowning– . . .The chosen queen, Valerie Voorhies, a member of the eighth grade graduating class and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Voorhies, wearing a sweeping gown of white, a pastel blue cape, and a crown of natural flowers, solemnly led the procession down the church aisle.

In attendance to the queen was the maid of honor, Kathleen Miller; the queen's court, Carolyn Girimonte, Patricia Pezold and Jane Putnam; crown bearer, Robert Troxclair; attendants, Cynthia Cornish and Colette Steffen; and train bearer, Edward Troxclair.

Children of the first and third grades formed the procession and guard of honor, dressed in pastel colors, each wearing a wreath of flowers and carrying a floral nosegay. . . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, January 16, 1957

Requiem Mass Set For Bishop–A requiem high mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow at St. Joseph Catholic church for the Most Rev. Robert Armstrong, Roman Catholic bishop of the diocese of Sacramento, who died in a Sacramento hospital Monday at the age of 72 after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services will be held Friday at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento, with a solemn high mass by Bishop Joseph T. McGucken at 11 a.m. Interment will be in the crypt of the bishops' chapel in St. Mary's cemetery mausoleum in Sacramento.

Bishop Armstrong was born in San Francisco in 1885. His parents moved to Washington when he was a child, and he was graduated from Gonzaga university in Spokane. He studied for the priesthood at Grand seminary in Montreal, Quebec, and was ordained in 1910.

He served parishes in Spokane and Yakima, Wash. before being appointed bishop of the Sacramento diocese in 1929. On April 28, 1954, he celebrated the silver jubilee of his consecration.

His successor, Bishop McGucken, was appointed coadjutor bishop Oct. 26, 1955.

Also a native of San Francisco, he attended the University of California at Los Angeles and took his theological studies in Rome, where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1928.

He served as papal chamberlain and domestic prelate before he was appointed as auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles in 1941.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, April 1, 1957**

Sister Mary Paul Dies In Bay Area–Sister Mary Paul, the former Ella Mullen of Redding died in San Francisco Friday at the age of 75. She left Redding in 1907. A Sister of Mercy, she had worked as a nurse in San Francisco.

She leaves three cousins, Chester Mullen of Shasta, Mrs. Mae Acord of Redding and Mrs. Augusta Hobson of McArthur.

Requiem mass was offered this morning, and rosary was recited last evening. Interment was in Oakland.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, April 28, 1957**

Centenary Celebration–A High Mass of Thanksgiving to commemorate the arrival of the Sisters of Mercy in the Diocese of Sacramento one hundred years ago, will be offered on Wednesday, May 1.

The public is invited to assist at this Mass.

Your presence at Mass will be an expression of gratitude and a mark of appreciation for the good work of the Sisters of Mercy in this Parish over the years–thirteen years of hospital work and eleven years teaching your children.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, August 4, 1957**

Parochial School–*All students* attending Saint Joseph Parochial School *must* wear the regulation uniform as follows:

For Girls: White cotton blouse with Peter Pan collar and short sleeves. Red 16 or 17 inch silk kerchief tie. Six-gored navy jumper. White anklets. Navy cardigan sweater. Any color shoes.

For Boys: White cotton sport shirt with short sleeves. Salt and pepper cords. Navy cardigan sweater. Any color socks and shoes.

The school re-opens on Wednesday, September 4, 1957

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, August 25, 1957**

Book Review–Sister Mary Evangelist, S. M. will review her recent publication "Mercy–Generation To Generation," at the Parish Hall this coming Tuesday, August 27th.

If you appreciate the work of the Sisters of Mercy in our Diocese and in our Parish, you will not miss this lecture.

The author of the above book will speak at 8:00 p.m.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, October 14, 1957**

St. Joseph Bluebirds Form Organization–Eight mothers met at the home of Mrs. Bernard Steffan, 2239 Crestview avenue, to organize a Bluebird Camp Fire group to be known as the St. Joseph Bluebirds. The Parents guild of the St. Joseph school will be the sponsoring organization. Mrs. William Sullivan was named leader of the new group and Mrs. Eugene Herndon will be the assistant leader. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, October 26, 1957**

Father Nolan To Leave St. Joseph's–The Rev. Father Patrick Nolan, who has been at St. Joseph Catholic church in Redding for 3½ years, has been named chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Sacramento, the Rev. Bishop Joseph T. McGucken of the Sacramento diocese announced today.

Father Nolan will be succeeded by the Rev. Father William Kinane, who was ordained in Ireland in June.

Bishop McGucken also announced other shifts among priests in northern California parishes. The Rev. Father John DeAndreis, who established the present church in Burney, will succeed the Rev. Father Carl Willman of McCloud. Father Willman will

become pastor at Knights Landing.

The Rev. Father Patrick McTague, formerly pastor at St. Joseph, will go from Yreka to North Sacramento. He will be replaced at Yreka by the Rev. Father Thomas Boland, who has been at Colfax.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 5, 1957**

Farewell Party To Honor Father Nolan–A farewell party for the Rev. Father Patrick Nolan will be held at 8 p.m. today in the basement of the St. Joseph Catholic church.

Father Nolan, assistant pastor here since March 4, 1954, has been noted particularly for his youth work and his convert classes, the latter causing him to be mentioned in "The Columbian," national publication of the Knights of Columbus. He was instrumental in establishing a Newman Club at Shasta college and in the growth of the Catholic Youth Organization.

Ordained in Ireland in June, 1950, Father Nolan received his first appointment as an assistant pastor at Sonora, later serving in Eureka and then in Redding.

Thursday he will take up his new duties as chaplain of Mercy hospital, Sacramento.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, November 10, 1957**

Welcome to Father William Kinane–We extend a warm welcome to our new assistant pastor, Fr. William Kinane, who was ordained in Ireland on June 16th of this year to serve in this diocese. We sincerely hope that Fr. Kinane's first appointment will be a long, happy and fruitful one.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, November 15, 1957**

Church Gets Permission To Erect Highway Signs–The Shasta county planning commission last night granted permission to St. Joseph's Catholic church to put signs on Highway 99 giving the location of the church and the hours of masses. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 19, 1957**

C Y O Hosts Dance– . . . The Rev. Father Brendan O'Sullivan performed his first duties as priest director of the group, replacing the Rev. Father Patrick Nolan who was recently transferred to Sacramento. . . .

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, March 30, 1958**

Diocesan Champions–Heartiest congratulations to the CYO Basket-ball Team on deservedly winning the diocesan championship. The victors are Don Baker, Jim Barbosa, Rusty Beinke, Louis Belmonte, Rusty Bui, Franklin Cibula, Paul Pike and Frank Wood.

The CYO club is justly proud of its representatives and the very efficient coaches Virgil Tomasin and Gerald Hish, who ably directed them to victory.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, May 17, 1958**

Silver Tea To Honor Sisters Of Mercy–The seven Sisters of Mercy who are teachers at the St. Joseph school and the lay teacher, Mrs. Lightfoot, will be the guests of honor at an afternoon silver tea to be given in the parish hall of the St. Joseph Catholic church tomorrow. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, July 29, 1958**

Rev. O'Sullivan transferred To Grass Valley–The Rev. Father Brendan O'Sullivan, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, recently learned of his appointment to St. Patrick's Catholic church in Grass Valley where he is to report Aug. 5.

Father O'Sullivan will be honored at a farewell party in the St. Joseph parish hall at 8 p.m. Thursday. Robert Miller and Vince D'Amato, co-chairmen, have extended an invitation to all parishioners.

Father O'Sullivan was ordained at St. Patrick college in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1956 and assumed his first parish duties at St. Joseph's church. He is priest director of the Catholic Youth organization and chaplain of the Newman club.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, August 10, 1958**

Welcome To Father Dowling—We are very happy to welcome to Redding our new assistant pastor Fr. John Dowling. We sincerely hope that Father Dowling's appointment to Saint Joseph Parish will be a very happy and fruitful one.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, April 18, 1959**

Altar Society To Give Winesip At Country Club—The Altar society of the St. Joseph Catholic church invites the public to attend a winesip from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Riverview Golf and Country club. The event will feature Italian Swiss Colony wines and is sponsored by the California department of agriculture.

Plans for the event were made by the members at the monthly meeting in the parish hall and also at a meeting of the coordinating council of the church at which members from the following organizations were present: Altar society, Young Ladies Institute, Parents guild and Knights of Columbus. At the council meeting, plans were also discussed for the annual fall festival to be held in October.

Hostesses for the social hour at the Altar society meeting were Mrs. George Conroy, chairman, Mrs. Henry Huber, co-chairman, Mrs. Margaret Reiner and Mrs. Donald Cameron.

CATHOLIC HERALD **June, 1960**

Three Diocesan Priests Mark Silver Jubilees of Ordination—Anniversary For Msgr. Kirby, Fathers John, James O'Connor.

Silver Jubilee of Ordination celebrations for three priests of the diocese will take on international flavor this year, with the jubilarians each noting his anniversary in widely scattered areas.

Father John O'Connor, pastor of Redding will travel to his native land, Ireland, within 10 days and return to the actual scene of his ordination 25 years ago, All Hallows College, Dublin, to commemorate his anniversary date, June 23.

Father John O'Connor, has served as pastor of Redding since May, 1952. Following his ordination at All Hallows College, he came to the Sacramento Diocese and served as an assistant in Auburn, then as assistant at Immaculate Conception, Sacramento.

Statue Of The Little Flower, St. Joseph School, In memory of Letty Frances Thompson, Jan. 4, 1948—Feb. 5, 1960

He received his first pastorate in May, 1946, in Corning, where he remained until November 1949, when he was sent to Yreka as pastor. His present assignment followed that post. He is a member of the Diocesan Council of Vigilance. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, July 12, 1960**

Redding Priest Is Named Scout Jamboree Chaplain–The Rev. Father John Dowling of St. Joseph Catholic church in Redding has been appointed as a chaplain to the National Boy Scout Jamboree to be held in Colorado Springs, Colo., July 19-29.

Bishop Joseph T. McGucken of Sacramento made the appointment.

Father Dowling has been active in scouting for 40 years. He is chaplain of Redding troup 26.

He plans to leave by train for Colorado Springs on Sunday. He will travel with northern California Boy Scouts headed for the jamboree.

About 50,000 youths from throughout the United States will attend the jamboree.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, November 4, 1960**

Catholic Civic Club Chartered–Frank Hanks is the president of the new St. Joseph Catholic Action Civic club which received its charter from the Commission of American Citizenship in Washington, D. C. this week.

The club is for eighth grade pupils at Redding's St. Joseph school.

Other club officials are Milton McManus, vice president; Marlyn Kiskey, recording secretary, Vickie Franchetti, corresponding secretary and Debbie Ochinero, sergeant-at-arms.

This year's theme for the St. Joseph club will be "Your Citizenship–Know It, Cherish It, Live It."

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, February 11, 1961**

St. Joseph Church To Adopt 10 Per Cent Tithe–Tithing will apparently be adopted as the main means of support at St. Joseph Catholic church this spring.

Parishioners will be asked to give 5 per cent of their income, before taxes to the church and 5 per cent to charities of the individual's choice.

The program will be voluntary.

In view of the seemingly renewed interest in tithing in churches throughout the country, as evidenced by the action at St. Joseph, the Record-Searchlight took a small sampling of Redding churches this week to determine local practices.

Most pastors, recommended some form of tithing, with varying degrees of emphasis. All agreed there is a scriptural basis for it and, as one phrased it, "it is God's plan for giving." . . .

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, March 19, 1961**

Tithing–Tithing is God's plan for the support of religion. Beginning on Sunday, May 7, 1961, this plan will be started in our parish.

Between now and May 7, you will receive instructions on tithing from the pulpit, from special Sunday bulletins and through the mail.

Your conscientious and prayerful study of the tithing system is requested. Tithing is God's plan and therefore it cannot be wrong. It is worthy of your wholehearted support.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, July 23, 1961**

Many parishioners will be interested in knowing that Sister M. Lucy of the Holy Family Sisters will observe her 50th anniversary this 13th of August, Sunday, at the Holy Family Convent, 890 Hayes St., San Francisco. Reception 2 to 4 p.m. Sister Lucy spent some years in St. Joseph Parish teaching Religion.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, October 8, 1961**

Farewell To Father John Dowling—Looking back, we find that on the 11th Sunday after Pentecost, August 10, 1958, in the Sunday bulletin, a welcome was extended to Father John Dowling. Three years and eight weeks have gone by since then and today Father Dowling makes the headlines again. This time we combine the farewell with sincere congratulations on the occasion of his appointment to the parish of Tulelake, Siskiyou county. Adios Father, and we wish you God's blessing in your new appointment.

The parishioners of Saint Joseph's will honor Father Dowling at a special function in the parish hall Monday (tomorrow) at 8 p.m. All are invited.

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, October 9, 1961**

Prayer Rally Brings 5,000 To College Field—Light winds and clear blue sky greeted some 5,000 people who heard Father Patrick Peyton talk about family prayer and world peace at an open-air rally in Redding yesterday.

Father Peyton, an Irish-born priest whose face has become known to millions throughout the world for his family prayer crusades, spoke at Shasta college at Thompson field.

"My father gambled his life on the rosary," he told the crowd in an emotion-pitched voice, "and the rosary delivered. Take it into your hearts and homes."

Father John O'Connor parish priest in Redding, introduced Father Peyton. Father O'Connor told the hushed audience, "Your belief in the power of prayer brought you here."

The recitation by the crowd of the five glorious mysteries of the rosary preceded Father Peyton's speech. Kneeling on the hard, dry turf of the football field and in the bleachers, the people took their rosary beads in hand and recited the words of the rosary.

Father Patrick Peyton, Family Rosary Crusade, Thompson Field, October 8, 1961

(Redding Record—Searchlight)

In the next few weeks, family visitation by teams of lay persons in all Catholic homes in the 25-county diocese will take place.

The teams will obtain pledges of family rosary recitation throughout the year.

"It is a lifetime crusade," Father Peyton declared. "We work hard during these weeks to unite the spiritual power of the diocese, to make its members aware of the force their family prayers have.

"From then on," he said, "It's family prayer, day after day, for a lifetime."

The bishop of Sacramento, Bishop Joseph T. McGucken, closed the program bringing blessings from Pope John XXIII.

Father Peyton left Redding last night for Sacramento, to make plans for a rally on Saturday in Eureka and for another rally on Sunday in Sacramento.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, October 15, 1961**

Welcome To Father Fadden—We extend a warm welcome to our new assistant pastor Fr. Michael Fadden, who was ordained on June 18th in Ireland to serve in the Diocese of Sacramento. We sincerely hope that Fr. Fadden's first appointment will be a long, happy and fruitful one.

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, December 30, 1961**

Irish Priest Comes To Redding—By Mike Bigelow. The mountainous region of western Ireland near the town of Castlebar is but a nostalgic memory, to the Rev. Father Michael Fadden.

Father Fadden is the new assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Redding.

The curly-haired young priest arrived in America about three months ago. He was assigned to this diocese in October.

Father Fadden was born on his father's 35-acre farm near Castlebar, Jan. 16, 1937. He grew up on the farm, attended school and helped his parents and his seven brothers and two sisters with the chores.

It wasn't until his final year in secondary school that Father Fadden decided to become a priest. "We believe a vocation is given by God," he explained.

"If you think you have a vocation" (as a priest,) he added, "you give it a try." He moved to Dublin, about 150 miles away, to attend All Hallows college.

The college was founded in 1842, he said, to make it possible for priests to follow Irish immigrants abroad.

Father Fadden spent six years at the college. He studied philosophy two years and theology four years. He was then ordained a priest.

Soon after his arrival in Redding, Father Fadden discovered his duties included "everything and anything." He is in charge of the religious classes, he visits the hospitals and he is in charge of the scouting activities.

"The most important part of a priest's life," he observed, "is to go around and meet his people."

Are Americans friendly? "You just speak to the person and you find he's very friendly," he declared. "It's a question of you speaking first," he laughed.

Ireland, he explained, is a homogeneous society. "Everyone speaks to everyone else."

Father Fadden would like to return to Ireland in three years for his vacation. "I hope to be lucky and get a good summer," he laughed.

The climate is damp, foggy and cold, he explained, because Castlebar is only a few miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, January 28, 1962**

Farewell To Father William Kinane—Father Kinane, who arrived in Saint Joseph Parish on Nov. 7, 1957 is leaving to take up a new assignment as assistant pastor at St.

Mel's Church, Fair Oaks. We wish him every blessing in his new assignment. Father Kinane will be replaced by Father John P. McDonnell.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, February 4, 1962**

Welcome To Father John McDonnell—Father McDonnell comes to us from St. Mel's Parish, Fair Oaks, Calif. We sincerely hope his stay in Redding will be a long and happy one.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, April 1, 1962**

On the occasion of the departure of our beloved bishop, His Excellency Joseph T. McGucken, to assume the duties of Archbishop of San Francisco, we join in wishing God's blessing upon him and his work.

NOTE: *Bishop McGucken was succeeded by Bishop Alden J. Bell as Bishop of Sacramento.*

Bishop Alden J. Bell
(Catholic Herald)

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, August 16, 1962**

School Adds Cafeteria, Offices—Students at St. Joseph's elementary school will find their playground slightly rearranged when they return to their desks and books Sept. 4.

Construction of a multi-purpose room, administration offices and a cafeteria is the main reason for the rearrangement.

The additions are expected to be completed in December, according to the Rev. Father John O'Connor, pastor of St. Joseph's parish.

About 370 students will enroll in the school this fall. Among them will be 50 first graders.

Parents have been busy cleaning and repainting parts of the school to prepare it for the students' return.

Registration at St. Joseph's Catholic elementary school is virtually closed. All applicants are being put on a waiting list.

Students in the first through the eighth grades are enrolled in the school.

"There are about 45 pupils in each of our classes," Father O'Connor said. "We do not let the number get over 50."

The school's eight-member faculty includes six nuns and two lay teachers.

Sister Mary Damian is principal.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, August 18, 1962**

Ex-Redding Man Heads Jesuit School In Arizona—By Jim McLain.

When Father Francis A. Moore, S. J., left Redding July 29, the temperature was 122 degrees.

When he arrived in Phoenix, Ariz., the temperature was 106.

"I think I'm going to like it here," he told new colleagues in Phoenix, "Your weather is so cool."

Father Moore was in Phoenix to be installed as president of Brophy college preparatory school, a 600-student Jesuit high school.

He was born in Redding 45 years ago. Because his parents died when he was very young, he was raised by an aunt, Mrs. William A. Banigan, 1728 Magnolia Avenue.

Father Moore began his religious life in 1934 after graduating from Shasta high school, where he was president of his class, captain of the basketball team and the first president of the California Scholarship federation.

He studied for nearly 14 years in various California seminaries and universities before he was ordained in 1947.

He was chaplain of the University of Santa Clara between 1949 and 1952. For two years Father Moore was an army chaplain, serving in Hawaii and Japan.

In 1954, he became dean of students at the University of San Francisco.

He held the dean of students position until he was appointed president of the Arizona high school. He is to assume his presidential duties next week.

During his more than 14 years as a priest and an educator, Father Moore has been counselor, instructor and friend to more than 15,000 people.

A cousin of Dr. Jess Moore, Redding dentist, he visits Redding often. During the summer months, he sometimes substitutes for vacationing priests at St. Joseph's parish.

As he looked forward to his new job, Father Moore said he would miss his friends in California.

"I know, however, that the new job will be a challenge," Father Moore said.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, December 1, 1962**

Tithing Pays For Auditorium—The Rev. John O'Connor will bless the new multi-purpose auditorium at St. Joseph's School at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Tithing, a method of contributing to one's church as ancient as the Old Testament, is paying for the new building according to Father O'Connor, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Parishioners were asked to contribute 5 per cent of their income to the church for its expenses and that of the school in May 1961.

"The program has worked successfully," Father O'Connor said. "It has eliminated the need for bazaars, festivals and campaigns usually held to raise funds for the school."

Father O'Connor explained that tithing is a voluntary thing. "What a man contributes to the church is a personal thing between himself and God." he said.

"Giving part of our income is a sign we make of our love of God." Father O'Connor declared. "Love is proved by sacrifice like this, whether it is to our country, an ideal, a cause or a church."

Literally, tithing means giving one-tenth of one's income to a church. In a more general sense it means giving a fixed percentage of income.

The new school auditorium has 12,500 square feet of floor space. It includes a dining room, a kitchen and a principal's office. The auditorium has facilities for basketball.

The new building adjoins an eight-room school used by 365 students. The school was dedicated in May 1953. Instructors are members of the Sisters of Mercy except for two laymen.

Father O'Connor will bless the new auditorium at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. An open house will be held at the school at Gold Street and Olive Avenue from 10:30 to 2 p.m. Members of the Catholic Youth Organization will serve as guides.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, December 2, 1962**

New Multi-Purpose Building—All parishioners and their friends are cordially invited to the blessing and open house of the new multi-purpose building at Saint Joseph School today. The building will be blessed at 10:30 a.m. and open house will be until

St. Joseph School, Addition of Multi-purpose Building

2:00 p.m. The C. Y. O. will serve as guides, conducting tours of the building. Refreshments will also be served by the C. Y. O.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, June 6, 1963**

St. Joseph CYO Gets Most Of Awards At Drama Festival—The St. Joseph Catholic Youth Organization of Redding captured most of the outstanding awards at the CYO Diocesan Drama Festival held recently at the American River Junior College in Sacramento.

The trophies were presented at the CYO-sponsored hayride and wiener roast held May 29 on the Peltier property in the Whiskeytown area.

In competition with other clubs from the Sacramento area the Redding group won trophies for the best play of the year, "Special Guest."

Best acting award went to Jack Kennedy, a second time winner; Betty Young, best supporting actress; and Mike Robrecht, best character actor.

Mrs. Udell Holly, who directed the dramatic play "Special Guest," by Donald Elder, won the best director trophy of the year.

Mrs. Holly has devoted many years to the CYO, and has been instumental in producing award winning plays for the group as well as guiding and instructing the young people in the art of dramatics.

The trophies were presented to the winners by the Rev. Father John McDonnell, priest director of the CYO, in a colorful ceremony at the wiener roast.

Members of the CYO of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Central Valley were guests at the outing which marked the last social event of the season. Both groups will resume activities in September.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, September 14, 1963**

Farewell Reception To Fete Rev. John McDonnell—All of the organizations of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church parish will join in giving a farewell reception for the Rev. Father John McDonnell, one of the assistant pastors of the church for 18 months.

Rev. McDonnell will be leaving soon to become pastor of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Fort Jones. He will take up his new duties next Tuesday.

The reception will be given tomorrow from 2 to 4 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the St. Joseph School.

Friends of the parish are invited.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, October 6, 1963**

We welcome Father Joseph Vereker, our new assistant pastor, who comes to us from Sacred Heart Parish, Red Bluff. We sincerely hope his stay in Redding will be a long and happy one.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, January 25, 1964**

Catholics Plan School, Church—Plans for a Catholic high school and church in the Enterprise area were announced today by church officials.

Land for a church and school north of the Shasta Meadows subdivision has already been purchased, the Rev. John O'Connor of St. Joseph's Church in Redding announced.

He said a temporary church will probably be built this year or next year. No timetable for construction of the school has been decided upon, Father O'Connor said.

The date for assigning a priest to the Enterprise area depends upon when one becomes available, he added.

The plan for a school in the Enterprise area is part of a long-range program of high school construction planned for the church's Sacramento diocese. . . .

In addition to the Enterprise area school, the diocese plans to acquire school sites in other Sacramento Valley areas, church officials said.

The schools will be constructed, they said, "as funds are provided, staffs secured and in the order of urgency."

Father O'Connor said a final decision to build the school in Enterprise will depend upon whether the area grows as it is expected to.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, February 23, 1964**

Obituary—Helen Coppock died Thursday, February 20th. For over twenty years she cleaned and cared for St. Joseph Church. To your prayers, we commend the soul of this dedicated woman. May she rest in peace.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, February 29, 1964**

Catholics Conduct Fund Drive—Catholic men in the Redding area are participating in a building fund drive being conducted in the Sacramento diocese.

John Fitzgerald is heading a force of about 150 men to help raise $1 million dollars.

The funds will be used to construct high schools and other facilities throughout the diocese.

Plans for a Catholic high school and church in the Enterprise area were announced in January by the Rev. John O'Connor of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Redding.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, March 28, 1964**

April Inspires Theme For Tea—A silver tea, one of the most colorful social events of the year of the parents Guild of St. Joseph's School will be given April 5.

The Sunday afternoon tea, from 2 to 4 p.m., will be held in the multipurpose building of St. Joseph's School.

The tea is given each year as an expression of appreciation for the devotion and work of the sisters of the school throughout the year.

The teaching staff, sisters of St. Joseph's School, to be honored are Sister Mary Agatha, Sister Mary Annunciata, Sister Mary Stanislaus, Sister Mary Robert, and Sister Mary Xavier.

Also sharing the honors are the lay teachers, Mrs. Dessie Toth and Mrs. Wilhelmine Schworer.

Sisters of the nursing staff of Mercy Hospital invited to the tea are Sister Mary Benignus, Sister Mary Dorothy, Sister Mary Attracta, Sister Mary Dolorita, Sister Mary Virginia, Sister Mary Bernardine and Sister Mary Madeleine.

Mrs. Joseph Kohn, in charge of decorations, will use numerous miniature umbrellas and ivy circled columns topped with spears of spring blossoms to carry out the theme "April Showers."

Mrs. Clay Harter is general chairman of the tea and Mrs. Ronald Hegji, program chairman.

Past Presidents of the Parents' Guild, Mrs. John Urban and Mrs. David Steele, will pour. Fancy cookies and petit fours will be served by Mrs. Rome Brousseau and Mrs. John Gimblin and their committee members.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, May 10, 1964**

New Chapel—Enterprise—Plans are now being made for the erection of a chapel at Shasta View Drive, Enterprise. It will be served by the priests of St. Joseph Parish. Eventually it will be a multipurpose building in a new parish when a permanent church is built.

This chapel will relieve the crowded conditions and the parking congestion at the Sunday masses at St. Joseph Church.

The building of the chapel will not appreciably delay the erection of the proposed new church and rectory for Redding.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 28, 1964**

Redding Fire Destroys Old St. Joseph's Church—Redding—For the second time in a century, St. Joseph's Church, the only one serving Catholics in this community, has been totally destroyed by fire.

Father John O'Connor, pastor, states the loss from the fire, which was discovered early Sunday, shortly after midnight, has not yet been estimated.

Only the walls remain standing on the church, which was dedicated in April, 1910. The structure replaced an earlier edifice which burned on July 28, 1907.

The first fire alarm was turned in at 12:30 a.m. Sunday and it was two hours later before the flames could be controlled. Equipment continued working at the site on Court and Sacramento Streets until 7 a.m.

Exact cause of the conflagration is not certain but it is believed the fire started to the right of the sanctuary in a stairway which leads to the basement.

St. Joseph Church, Destroyed by fire, May 24, 1964 **(Redding Record—Searchlight)**

After firemen subdued the worst flames in that area, Father O'Connor was able to transport the Blessed Sacrament to safety. However, the altar itself was not burned. All statuary in the church also escaped unscathed. Although St. Joseph's is built close to the parish rectory, the latter was never endangered due to the fact there was no wind. Flames spread rapidly through the stucco covered wood framed church.

Sunday Masses were transferred to the auditorium at St. Joseph's School, where they will continue to be offered until a new parish church can be constructed.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, May 31, 1964**

We have all felt the loss of St. Joseph Church. Its destruction by fire in the early hours of Sunday morning, May 24, was a shock to all the parishioners. Even though its span of life was coming to an end—it was destined for replacement in a matter of a couple of years—no one, at any time, felt that it would end so abruptly, so destructively, by fire.

For many parishioners, their whole spiritual life was bound up with it—Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Penance, Matrimony, were all received in it.

The loss of St. Joseph Church should spur us on to the construction of a new St. Joseph Church in keeping with the growth of the parish. From the rubble of the old may there arise an edifice to the glory of God, as a symbol of our love of God, our patience and resignation to His will.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, June 20, 1964**

Birds Fly Through Charred Choir Loft In Redding Church—By Gail Hayes.

Wings whirred as pigeons flew through the charred choir loft.

Barriers marked "Danger" blocked the entrance to the vestibule of the church where parishioners had passed for 57 years.

Gazing at the belfry that towered into the blue sky above the blackened roof skeleton of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Redding, the Rev. John O'Connor said wryly, "Well, the pigeons have always wanted to come in. Now they're free to come and go as they wish."

Father O'Connor, parish priest of the church that burned May 24, cautiously led the way over charred debris up the steps to the choir loft.

At the top of the stairs he stopped, pointed across a pile of rubble to a scorched piece of wood, and said sadly, "That was our organ."

In the sacristy to the side of the bare altar, the shelves were bare of sacred vessels and vestments used in church rites. Only a water and smoke stained notebook inscribed

St. Joseph Church, Destroyed by fire, May 24, 1964

with names of boys who had served at masses dangled forlornly from a string tacked to a wall of the smoke and water damaged room.

Statues of saints and the Virgin Mary and other pieces of sculpture stood in the basement beneath the sacristy. Not damaged by fire or falling plaster, they will have to be restored—they sustained smoke and water damage—at considerable cost, Father O'Connor said.

The massive altar, with an intricate bas relief of the Last Supper on the front, stood among stacked scarred pews. It, too, can be restored only at great cost, the parish priest said.

The only things rescued from the devastated church that are still usable are some chalices, ciboria, two flower vases, three suits of vestments and some altar boys' cassocks.

Father O'Connor recalled that in the excitement during the fire, it seemed urgent that as many vestments and church articles as possible be rescued from the flames. But ironically, most of the things carried out by firemen were ruined anyway by smoke and water.

"Some things, like altar cloths, and linens that were embroidered and crocheted by women of the church, can never by replaced," Father O'Connor said sadly.

The parish priest said many of his parishioners were deeply distressed by the loss of the church. "Much of their lives were involved with the old church," he said.

"Three generations of some families have been baptized, confirmed and have received their first communion here. Members of many families have been married in the church, and some have been given the last rites here."

Parishioners of the church are now attending masses and having confessions in the multipurpose building of the St. Joseph Parish School. Because masses have been celebrated regularly there for students at the school, a small altar was already set up.

The priests have borrowed some vestments from the Sisters of Mercy, and some pews have been brought from the Catholic church in Placerville. Confessionals are now being constructed at the school.

The Rev. Michael Fadden, the Rev. Joseph Vereker and Father O'Connor started preparing at 5:30 a.m. for regular masses the Sunday following the fire. They were ready for the first mass at 6:30 a.m., but many parishioners didn't know the church had burned until they drove up to the smoking remains on Court Street. They were directed to the school.

"We were planning to build a new church, but certainly not this soon," Father O'Connor said.

Plans for a new church, to be constructed near the school, are slowly being developed. Eventually an architect will be selected, his designs will be studied by the priests and a committee of the church, and the chosen design will be submitted to a diocesan building committee for approval.

All funds for the construction project will come from the Redding parish, Father O'Connor said.

Construction of a church and high school in the Enterprise area will have to be postponed he said.

"I don't know what we would do if we did not have the school in which to conduct services," the priest said. "However, many ministers offered their buildings to us as soon as they heard about the fire, and we appreciate their neighborliness and generosity."

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, October 10, 1964**

Memorial To JFK To Be Unveiled—Tomorrow at 2 p.m.—a year and 13 days after President John F. Kennedy dedicated Whiskeytown Dam—a memorial to the late President will be unveiled near the place where he spoke.

Dedication of John F. Kennedy Memorial, Whiskeytown Lake, October 11, 1964

The memorial will consist of five bas relief plaques depicting Kennedy's life, his contributions to mankind and the dignity of man, according to sculptor Roberto Ciabani who created the memorial.

A figure of Kennedy will be on the main panel. The other four sections—mounted on a steel frame and set on a stone base—will show the President's work in conservation, civil rights, the Peace Corps and his work in the defense of liberty.

Dedication ceremonies will be simple and not over 30 minutes long, according to Sid Cowgill, Redding Chamber of Commerce manager and a member of the memorial committee that has raised more than $2,700 of a $3,000 fund to build the monument. James K. Carr, former Department of the Interior undersecretary appointed by Kennedy, will be the principal speaker. Carr is now manager of the utilities department of the city and county of San Francisco. He is a native of Redding.

Rudy Balma, a Redding mortician, will be master of ceremonies.

Guests will include Rep. Harold T. (Bizz) Johnson; supervisors from Shasta and Trinity counties; Mayor George Moty of Redding, Assemblywoman Pauline Davis; Robert Pafford, regional director of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Hugo Fisher administrator of the State Resources Agency; and James J. Lloyd, a representative of the National Park Service.

The Central Valley High School band will play. The Rev. Robert Hawthorne, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Redding, will give the invocation. Father John O'Connor of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Redding will give the benediction.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, October 17, 1964**

Farewell To A Church—The St. Joseph Catholic Church that served Redding area parishioners for 57 years until it burned May 24 came crumbling down this week as a crew of wreckers completed the demolition. The Rev. John O'Connor, parish priest of the church, said the 1733 Court St. site is for sale. The church is making plans for construction of a new building at the corner of Gold and Walnut Streets in Redding near the St. Joseph Parish School.

Tearing Down The Ruins Of St. Joseph Church, October 1964

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Thursday, January 14, 1965

Churches Ban Rice-Throwing at Weddings–The traditional rice-throwing at weddings is discouraged by the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Redding.

The observance is "hazardous," the Rev. Father John O'Connor said today. The opposition to the traditional custom of showering the bride and groom with rice as they leave the church appeared in the recent issue of the Catholic Parish Bulletin.

The bulletin said: "Those planning weddings are requested to inform their relatives, friends, and well-wishers not to throw rice in the church, its vestibule, or on the area around the church. Rice, when stepped on, can cause persons to slip and fall and serious injuries can result. For that reason rice should not be used at all."

Several other churches in Redding were asked if they were in agreement to the "no rice" policy.

All of the churches called have a rule against throwing rice in the church building, and most of them discourage throwing rice on the church premises.

Reasons given for prohibiting the tradition which has existed for years was for safety, as well as wastefulness and additional work for the custodian.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN Sunday, April 11, 1965

We welcome Father James Mulligan to our parish. May his stay be long and happy.

To Father Vereker in his new assignment at St. Patrick's, Grass Valley, we wish every blessing and happiness.

CATHOLIC HERALD Thursday, June 17, 1965

Redding Plans New Church–Construction of a new St. Joseph's Church, designed to comply with recent changes in the liturgy, will get under way here late this year according to the pastor, Father John O'Connor. It will replace the church destroyed by fire over a year ago.

The 13,000 square foot edifice will be built at the corner of Gold Street and Walnut Avenue, across the street from St. Joseph's School. Since May, 1964, following the fire, Masses have been offered in the school auditorium.

The architectural firm of Kahl and Davis from Red Bluff have designed the new church as well as the new adjacent rectory, which already is under construction.

St. Joseph's will be the first diocesan church to have the sacristy located near the main entrance of the church, or to the back, since all of them are located usually behind the main altar. This follows the liturgy change which finds the celebrant and acolytes entering from the back, proceeding down the central aisle to the sanctuary.

The nave of the new church, which will seat 900 persons on three sides of the front altar, will narrow from 145 feet at the narthex to 96 feet at the front of the sanctuary.

The floor of the nave will slope two feet from the narthex to the altar, at the front of the sanctuary, making both the altar and celebrant visible from any point in the church.

A partial basement will house an instruction room, meeting room, library, small kitchen, and a room for heating and air conditioning units.

There will be four front entrances to the church, one on each side of the sacristy and two into the church proper.

To the front of the church will be five sections containing 1,800 square feet of glass which tower 29 feet above the sacristy and narthex. Eventually these will be installed with stained glass windows, which will vary from 23 to 29 feet in width.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, August 26, 1965**

Redding Priest Elevated, Gets Title Of Monsignor–The Rev. John O'Connor, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Redding since May 1952, has been elevated to the rank of a domestic prelate by Pope Paul VI.

The papal honor carries the title of right reverend monsignor.

Bishop Alden J. Bell of Sacramento, Roman Catholic leader of the diocese, announced today that he has appointed Msgr. O'Connor dean of the Siskiyou Deanery.

In his new position, he will remain at St. Joseph's Church but will oversee the activity of parishes in Shasta and Siskiyou counties.

The new prelate, who for the past two years has headed the Bishop's Development Fund Drive in this region, is a native of County Kerry, Ireland.

Following his ordination at All Hallows College, Ireland, on June 23, 1935, he arrived in the Sacramento Diocese and his first post was as an assistant pastor in Auburn. Later he served in the same position at Immaculate Conception Church in Sacramento.

In 1946 he was appointed the founding pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Corning.

In 1949 he was named pastor of Yreka. He served there until his appointment in Redding.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, September 5, 1965**

From Monsignor John O'Connor–The honor and title of Rt. Rev. Monsignor that has been conferred upon me, on being appointed a Domestic Prelate by His Holiness Pope Paul VI, fills me with joy and happiness, while at the same time, it imbues me with a deep sense of humility because I realize that His Excellency, Bishop Bell presented my name, not only because I happened to be the Pastor of one of the prominent parishes of the Diocese, but also one that has supported Diocesan programs and projects in a very generous manner. I am thinking of the St. Pius X Seminary Drive and, more recently, the Annual Diocesan Development Fund Campaign.

The honor I have received has been made possible by you, the people of the parish. You, too, are being honored. It is His Excellency's way of showing appreciation for your loyalty and generosity.

I would like to express my thanks to all the parishioners who offered their congratulations. It was sincerely appreciated.

John O'Connor

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, September 18, 1965**

Nearing Completion–Construction of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church's new rectory on Gold Street is approaching its final stages. Workmen currently are painting and hanging doors. The rectory is expected to be finished in about a month and to be in use in early November. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Connor, church pastor, said bids on the church building have been opened but are considered to be very high and none has been accepted yet. The old church burned in May 1964.

St. Joseph Rectory
2040 Walnut Avenue, Redding

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, October 3, 1965**

Congratulations and Felicitations–The parishioners join in offering their congratulations and felicitations to Sheila McEnaney, now Sister Mary Carmel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McEnaney of Court Street, who recently made her final profession as a Sister of Mercy at the Auburn Motherhouse. Sister Carmel is a former student of our parish school and a graduate of Shasta High School.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, October 17, 1965**

Groundbreaking Ceremony–Tomorrow, Monday, Oct. 18, at 8:30 a.m., ground blessing and breaking will take place at the site of the new church, Gold St. and Walnut Ave.

All parishioners are invited to be present.

Tomorrow's ceremony, brief and simple in nature, is a historic day in the life of the parish. It reminds us of the loss of old St. Joseph Church at Court and Sacramento Streets, and the many hours of planning that have gone into making this groundbreaking ceremony an actuality.

The groundbreaking is but another step that will bring us to the Fall of 1966, when the church will be completed.

has been conferred upon me, on being appointed a Domestic Prelate by His Holiness

The new church is being erected to help us give honor and glory to God. It will represent our love of Him; the sacrifices we are willing to make for Him.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, October 21, 1965**

Break Ground For Redding Church–Groundbreaking ceremonies were held here Monday for the new St. Joseph's Church, with the pastor, Msgr. John O'Connor, officiating. Contract for the new edifice has been awarded to Kimbrough, Mack and Hart, Inc., of Redding.

Construction will start immediately and the tentative completion time is the fall of 1966. Architects are Kahl and Davis of Red Bluff.

The new church replaces the historic Redding church which was destroyed by fire in May 1964. Since that time, Masses have been celebrated in the parish school auditorium which borders the proposed new structure.

Also part of the parish development program is the construction of a new, two-story rectory, now nearing completion. It replaces the house at 1733 Court Street, which is next door to the former church.

Representing the civic leadership of Redding at Monday's groundbreaking was George A. Greenleaf, president of the Greater Redding Chamber of Commerce.

Representing the parish were the presidents of each organization including John G. Fitzgerald, chairman of the Building Advisory committee.

Others included Donald Bennett, KC Grand Knight; Mmes. Gilbert Bauer, Altar Society; Charles L. Bermingham, CCD; James L. Kennedy, YLI; James Herbert, Parents Club; C. L. McCormack, Legion of Mary; William McKinnon, St. Michael's Guild: Miss Karen Gimblin, Newman Club; and Tom Nelson, CYO.

Groundbreaking For New St. Joseph Church, Corner of Gold Street and Walnut Avenue, October 18, 1965

Groundbreaking For New St. Joseph Church, October 18, 1965

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, October 24, 1965**

Bare Facts—Now that construction of the new church is underway, and the new rectory will soon be finished, it is well that certain facts be clear in the minds of our parishioners.

The combined cost of the new rectory and church will be approximately $790,000.00 By the end of 1966, the parish will have a debt of $500,000.00. Should the parish-owned properties on Court Street be sold by then, the debt will be about $400,000.00.

Since the money for parish maintenance and expansion is obtained from the TITHING method, it might be well for those not yet "sold" on Tithing, to reconsider their position. There has been no fund drive for the new rectory, or church, and none is contemplated. Except for $90,000.00 received from insurance after our church burned, and the amount that will be realized from the Court Street properties, most of the remainder will come from those who are supporting the parish by percentage giving.

Now, more than ever, all parishioners are seriously urged to carry their FAIR SHARE of our financial burden by a full commitment to the Tithing program.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, December 12, 1965**

Investiture Ceremony For Monsignori—On Sunday, December 19, at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral, 11th and K Streets, Sacramento, four priests of the diocese will be invested with the robes of Right Rev. Monsignor and be elevated to rank of a Domestic Prelate. One of these will be your pastor, Father John O'Connor. One of the five being invested as Papal Chamberlain is a former assistant pastor of this parish and at present is secretary to His Excellency, The Bishop. He is Father Patrick Nolan.

To all the parishioners, Father O'Connor and Father Nolan extend a cordial invitation to be present at the investiture ceremonies and to attend the reception at the Hotel Senator immediately after the church ceremony.

Monsignor John O'Connor, 1965
(Photo by Reatha)

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, January 9, 1966**

A reception honoring our pastor, Rt. Rev. John O'Connor, upon his recent elevation to Monsignor, will be held today in the School Cafeteria from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Light refreshments and entertainment will be offered.

In addition to the reception, parishioners will have the opportunity to tour the new St. Joseph Rectory from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Your hosts, the parish organizations, extend to all parishioners a cordial invitation.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 12, 1966**

CCD Awards Presented St. Joseph's Parishioners—Redding—The first awards ceremony in the history of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of St. Joseph's Parish was held here recently with Msgr. John O'Connor, pastor officiating.

The following parishioners, who studied Doctrine under Father James Mulligan, and teaching methods under Sister Mary Robert, SM, received their teaching certificates:

Marilyn Bernardi, Roberta Bowden, JoAnn Brunelli, Patricia Conway, Marion Cheatle, Rita Duivenvoorden, Ruth Healey, Sue Hinchberger, Betty Hovey, Virginia Howe, Jeanne Huber, Mary Hucker, Sharron Kennedy, Donna Logsdon, Sandra Merrick, Burdetta Moore, Anne Molarius, Betty McCormack, Laura Rowley, Alta Robertson, Mildred Seale, Alice Short, Shirley Straub, Yvonne Van Luven, and Fred Lendman.

St. Pius X medals, for years of dedicated service to the CCD, were presented to Edith Steele and Ursula Watkins.

Emblems for three, four, five, or six years of service as teachers in the CCD High School of Religion were awarded to Loretta Fowler, Mary Steffan, Marjorie McMullen, Wilma Voorhies, Julius M. Kehoe, MD, and Jack Reiser. Robert Miller received an emblem for untiring and dedicated service.

In the Elementary Divison, emblems were awarded to Margaret Bermingham, Mary Gersbach, Cathy Green, Cecelia Heinan, Toni Holman, Elizabeth McCormack, Laura Rowley, and Lenora Stark.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 12, 1966**

Classroom Time For Future LVNs—Hard at work "booking it" at Sacramento City College are six Sisters of Mercy studying in preparation to become Licensed Vocational Nurses.

Two of the young women were queried on their progress to date in the LVN program, Sister M. Alice and Sister M. Matthias. The former, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Spohn (Grace Spohn) of Redding, where she graduated from Shasta High School, had her first taste of the nursing field when she worked as a nurses' aide at Redding's Mercy Hospital before entering religious life. . . .

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, May 29, 1966**

The Reverend John C. Dighton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dighton, will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 4, at the Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton, Calif. The ordination will be conferred by His Excellency The Most Reverend Hugh A. Donohoe, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton.

Father Dighton will offer his First Solemn Mass on Sunday, June 5, at one o'clock, at St. Joseph Church, Redding. A reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., following the First Mass, in the cafeteria. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend the First Solemn Mass and reception.

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, July 16, 1966**

Catholic Church Cornerstone Set—A little cement, a corner stone, a watertight cylinder and the blessings of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Connor were scheduled in ceremonies at the St. Joseph Catholic Church site Wednesday.

For parishioners who had viewed the charred remains of the old church on the corner of Sacramento and Court streets on May 24, 1964, the cornerstone ceremony brought them one step closer to having a new church.

Parishioners have been worshipping in the St. Joseph's Parish school multipurpose room near the new building site on the corner of Gold and Walnut streets.

The $670,000 structure is being built by Kimbrough-Mack-Hart, Inc., of Redding. Designed by architects Kahl and Davis of Red Bluff and San Mateo, the 13,000-square-feet church will seat about 900 parishioners.

The cylinder that Msgr. O'Connor placed in the cornerstone Wednesday contained records and photographs of the St. Joseph church. Among the photographs were pictures of the old church when it was burning and pictures of ground-breaking ceremonies for the new building in October.

Parishioners and priests hope to celebrate Christmas masses in the new church this year.

Msgr. John O'Connor laying cornerstone of new St. Joseph Church, July 13, 1966

St. Joseph Church Under Construction, June 1966

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, September 11, 1966**

Farewell Father Fadden—Father Michael Fadden, who arrived in St. Joseph Parish on Sept. 9, 1961, is being transferred to St. John's Church, Chico.

His friends will have an opportunity to bid him farewell this Sunday afternoon in the school cafeteria between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. He will be remembered for many things in this parish. That our parish has done so well in accepting English in the Mass, and in singing during Mass, is due to his efforts and inspiration.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, September 18, 1966**

We Welcome—Father Kieran McMahon, our new assistant pastor, who comes to us from Presentation Parish, Sacramento. We sincerely hope his stay in Redding will be a long and a happy one.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, February 5, 1967**

A number of parents have suggested that the weekday 7:30 a.m. Mass be changed to 8:00 a.m., to give them and their children an opportunity to attend weekday Mass, if not every day, then at least occasionally. So, begining on Monday, February 6th, the scheduled weekday Mass will be at 8:00 a.m.

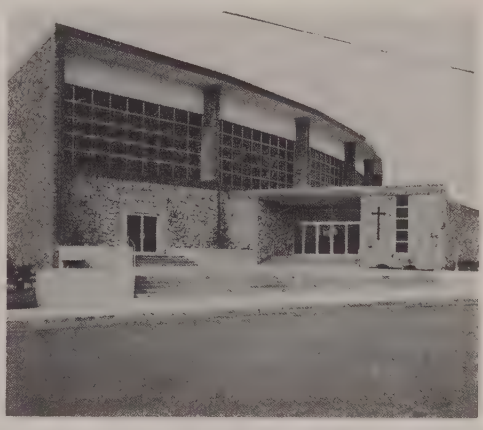
RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, February 18, 1967**

Newly Completed Catholic Church To Open Tomorrow—By Doreen Sayler.

Redding's new St. Joseph Catholic Church will open tomorrow.

The church, located at Gold Street and Walnut Avenue, won't be formally dedicated until April.

Tomorrow the building will be open for public viewing from 2 to 3:30 p.m. An organ recital will be performed at 3:30 p.m., and the church will be open for all Masses at 7:30, 9, 10:15 and 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.



St. Joseph Church
East Entrance

West Entrance

The new building was constructed to replace the old St. Joseph Catholic Church, which was destroyed by fire on May 24, 1964. The old church, at Sacramento and Court streets, was built in 1907.

While the new church was being built, worshippers have been meeting in the multi-purpose room of St. Joseph Catholic School, directly across the street.

The new church, which cost a little more than $600,000 is a massive modern structure which bears little resemblance to the traditional Catholic church.

Traditionally, Catholic churches were long and rectangular in shape so that the priest was quite a distance from worshippers, said the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Connor, parish priest of the Redding Church.

This new building has pews on three sides so that the altar is almost surrounded by worshippers.

"The church is designed to incorporate liturgical changes outlined by the second Vatican Council," said Father O'Connor. The changes provide that worshippers be brought closer to the sanctuary for Mass and administration of the sacraments.

The new policy was made "so that they (worshippers) may participate more actively in what's taking place," he added.

There will be room for about 900 worshippers in the nave or main interior of the 13,000-square-foot church.

Parishioners will enter the church at the narthex or front of the building. Doors also lead from the parking lot in back to the basement.

At the center of the entrance way, in back of the pews, is located the baptistry. It is a round area partly enclosed by bricks. The baptistry used to be to one side of the narthex.

St. Joseph Church, Baptistry

Also in the narthex are sacristy rooms for priests and altar boys. These rooms used to be behind the altar in the sanctuary. But now the priest joins the procession through the nave to the altar. Vestments are kept in each sacristy.

A red-carpeted dressing room for brides to use before weddings is in the narthex. Also at the back of the church are three booths used for giving confessions.

At the right of the church, near the altar, are two booths for confessions. Lights above the doors turn on when the parishioner kneels.

In the church, rows of oak pews are separated by red-carpeted aisles. The carpet also covers the floors of both altars. Lining the walls are ash wood strips, brick and sandstone from Little Shasta.

The walls have 14 hand-carved wooden plaques from Taipei, Formosa. The plaques, called Stations of the Cross, are mounted. Behind each mount is lighting.

Statues of St. Joseph, the Virgin Mary and the Crucifix above the altar also are of hand-carved wood and are from Formosa.

The floor slopes down from the back of the church so that the altars and priest are visible from any part of the church. There are two altars. One at the back of the sanctuary holds the eucharist. The front altar will be used by the priest to give the Mass.

In the past, the priest faced the back altar and gave the Mass with his back to the worshippers. But that custom was changed by the Vatican Council.

Furniture on the altars is made of solid gray granite. About eight tons of granite were used, said Father O'Connor. The top part of the altar table, alone, weighs 3,700 pounds, he added.

As worshippers face the altars, the organ and choir will be to the right of the altar instead of in the traditional choir loft. Seven speakers are located in the church to amplify the organ music.

This church has no communion rail and no figured stained-glass windows. Windows at the back of the nave are made of squares of colored glass.

COLUMBIA **May 1967**

Members of Council No. 3978, Knights of Columbus, and their families attended the blessing of the new altar in St. Joseph's Church, Redding, California. The altar was donated by the council.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, February 19, 1967**

This being the first Sunday, the first day, in our new church let us give thanks to God and pray His blessing upon all those who come here to worship Him. May His blessing be upon those involved in erecting this building; the architects who designed it, Kahl and Davis; the general contractors, Kimbrough, Mack and Hart, Inc., and the subcontractors; the members of the advisory building committee; those who donated the beautiful church furnishings; the parishioners—adults, students and children who, by their regular and generous contributions are paying the cost of this building.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, April 1, 1967**

Church Dedication Will Be Tomorrow—The Most Reverend Alden J. Bell, D.D., bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento, will participate in the dedication of the new St. Joseph Catholic Church tomorrow.

St. Joseph Church **(Photo by Tom Schmidt, Dick Black Studio)**

The dedication service will be at 3:30 p.m. at the church on Gold and Walnut streets, Redding. All worshippers will remain outside while the exterior of the church is blessed at the northeast entrance of the building. After the blessing, participants will move to the sanctuary for Mass in English.

Assisting Bishop Bell will be priests who have served at the Redding church since 1950. The priests and churches with which they are now associated are the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick McTague, St. Joseph in Sacramento; the Rev. Thomas O'Brien, Sacred Heart in Anderson; the Rev. William Walsh, St. Dominic in Colfax; the Very Rev. Msgr. Patrick M. Nolan, secretary to Bishop Bell; the Rev. William Kinane, Catholic chaplain at the California Conservation Center in Susanville.

The Rev. Timothy Brendan O'Sullivan, St. Francis High School in Sacramento; the Rev. John Dowling, Holy Cross in Tule Lake; the Rev. Michael Fadden, St. John in Chico; the Rev. John McDonnell, St. Rose Church in Sacramento; the Rev. Joseph Vereker, St. Patrick in Grass Valley. Also participating will be parish priests, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Connor, the Rev. James Mulligan and the Rev. Kieran McMahon.

Mrs. Marie Carr will be the organist. Others participating in the service will be the adult choir under the direction of Mrs. Helen Boudreau and the 7th and 8th grade St. Joseph School Choir under the direction of Sister Mary Carmel.

The bishop, priests and parishioners will have a dinner at 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose building of St. Joseph School.

The $600,000 church, which opened Feb. 19, was built to replace the old St. Joseph Catholic Church which was destroyed by fire on May 24, 1964. The old church, at Sacramento and Court streets, was built in 1907.

About 900 persons will be able to worship in the new church. The oak pews are located on three sides of the main altar.

Furniture on the main and back altars is made of solid gray granite. About eight tons of granite were used.

The church also includes rooms for confessions, a kitchen, meeting rooms for classes and a library.

Dedication of St. Joseph Church, Rev. Thomas O'Brien At The Lectern, Knights of Columbus Honor Guard

Dedication of St. Joseph Church, Concelebrated Mass, The Most Reverend Alden J. Bell, Principal Celebrant, April 2, 1967 (Dick Black Studio)

Dedication of St. Joseph Church, April 2, 1967 (Dick Black Studio)

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, April 5, 1967**

Silver Tea Will Honor St. Joseph's Teachers–An annual silver tea honoring the teachers of St. Joseph's School will be given by the St. Joseph's Parents Guild Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. A spring theme will be expressed in the decorations.

The honored guests will be Sister Mary Coretti, teacher of first grade; Sister Mary Consuela, second grade; Mrs. James Carney, third grade; Sister Mary Denis, fourth grade; Sister Mary Veronica, fifth grade; Mrs. Leland Holland, sixth grade; Sister Mary Robert, seventh grade; and Sister Mary Carmel, eighth grade.

The substitute teachers will also be honored–Mrs. John S. Ennis, Mrs. George Stark and Mrs. Terry Healey.

The Sisters of Mercy teaching in Anderson and the Sisters of Mercy Hospital have been invited to the tea as well as Rt. Rev. Monsignor John O'Connor, the Rev. Father James Mulligan and the Rev. Father Kieran McMahon of St. Joseph's Church and the Rev. Father Thomas O'Brien of Sacred Heart Church, Anderson. . . .

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, January 7, 1968**

Mass In The Home–Mass in the home has been authorized by His Excellency Bishop Bell. It may be celebrated on weekdays. Those requesting it will invite one or two families in the neighborhood. Non-Catholics may be invited. It should be an evening long event taking two or three hours. Mass might begin at 6:30 p.m. but not later than 8:00 p.m. Of those participating, a lector, commentator and song leader will be chosen by the celebrant of the Mass. There will be an offertory procession and prayer of the faithful. A homily will be given by the priest. After the Mass, a simple supper is to be served. It is to be a pot-luck involving the families participating. There should be a real dialogue between the priest and those present.The conversation will be centered on religious topics. If interested, please fill out the following form giving your name, address and phone number and mail to the parish house.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, August 22, 1968**

Faculty Named For Redding–Sister Kathleen McCarthy, SM, principal and 7th grade teacher of St. Joseph's School, has announced the members of the faculty for the coming year. Sister Marita Cunningham, SM, vice principal, will instruct the 8th grade.

Other teachers are: Sister Mary Baptist McCurdy, 1st grade; Mrs. Marie Carney, 2nd; Mrs. Dorothy Bones, 3rd; Sister Hannah Mary O'Donoghue, 4th; Sister Mary Pauline Brett, 5th; Sister Maureen Costelloe, 6th; Mrs. Dorothy Brown, art; Miss Kathy Barry, gym for girls; Don Rayner, David Kranig, gym for boys.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, October 3, 1968**

Father Moore Heads New Post At Jesuit High–Father Francis A. Moore, S.J., has been appointed director of development at Jesuit High School, a newly created post according to the principal, Father Joseph M. Costa, S.J.

Father Moore's task will be aimed at the problems of the annual operating deficit and the debt incurred by the school's construction five years ago.

A native of Redding, he is the nephew of Mrs. W. A. Banigan of that city, and the stepson of Richard J. Minear, 1000 43rd Street, Sacramento.

Father Moore comes to Jesuit High following a six year post as president of Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix, Ariz. Earlier he served for eight years as Dean of Students at the University of San Francisco, following his duties as a Marine Corps chaplain during the Korean conflict.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, April 20, 1969**

Mass In The Home—An opportunity will again be given to parishioners for Mass in the home, during the remainder of this year. The following must be kept in mind:

1. It may be celebrated only on weekdays.
2. Mass may begin at 6:30 p.m., not later than 8:00 p.m.
3. Two or three families in the neighborhood should be invited. Special consideration should be given to inviting fallen away Catholics, and a non-Catholic family.
4. A Lector, Commentator, and Song Leader is to be chosen by the Celebrant of the Mass, from those present.
5. There is to be an Offertory Procession, Prayer of the Faithful; a Homily is preached.
6. After Mass, a simple supper is to be served. It is to be "pot-luck," involving those participating.
7. There is to be dialogue between the priest, and those present, centered on religious topics.
8. There is to be a definite cut-off time: 9:00 p.m. Mass is not to be repeated in the same home, until all those who desire this privilege have been covered.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, May 18, 1969**

In keeping with the spirit of Vatican Council II, our parish plans to establish a Parish Advisory Council. A number of committees will be formed: Liturgy, Education, Finance-Maintenance, Youth, and Social. Each of these, and each of the parish organizations, will have a representative on this Advisory Council; so also will each area: Redding, Enterprise, Palo Cedro, and Central Valley. The priests of the parish, and the principal of the parish school, will, ex-officio, be members of this Council. Spearheading the formation of the Council is the Executive Board of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. It was this group that put forth the idea of the good that could result for the parish from such a council.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, June 8, 1969**

Congratulations to Mrs. Alice Short who received the 3-year award for dedicated service in the CCD School of Religion.

Special congratulations to Mr. Jack Reiser and Mrs. Lenora Stark, recipients of the St. Pius X Medal, for their many years of consistent and faithful service in the CCD Program for St. Joseph Parish.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, August 21, 1969**

Principal Change In Redding—Sister Mary Martin, SM, is the newly appointed principal of St. Joseph's School for the coming year.

Members of the teaching staff include Sisters Anne McInerney, Ann Celine, Teresa Hennesey, Mary Pauline, Ann McCrohan, Mmes. Marie Carney and Dorothy Bones.

Other faculty include Mrs. Carolyn Harriot, Mrs. Don Prince, Mrs. Marianne Brown, Virgil Tomasin and Wilson Frigo.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, November 16, 1969**

A sufficient number of parishioners have expressed themselves as interested in a Saturday evening Mass, for the purpose of satisfying the obligation of attending Mass on the Lord's Day. This privilege has been granted by Our Holy Father, Pope Paul VI.

This mass will be on a trial basis in our parish. Should the attendance justify its continuation, it will be retained. The present Sunday Mass schedule will not be changed until such time as we learn from observation which Mass should be eliminated. The Saturday evening Mass will be at 7:30 p.m. beginning next Saturday, November 22nd.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, April 9, 1970**

Redding School Guild Will Honor Teachers—The annual Silver Tea honoring the teaching staff of St. Joseph's School will be hosted this Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the school by St. Joseph's Parents Guild.

Mrs. Rod Rodriguez is general chairman of the party, to which the local staff has been invited as well as the Sisters of Mercy who teach in the Anderson school, Sacred Heart, and are assigned locally to Mercy Hospital.

In addition, priests of both Redding and Anderson parishes have been extended invitations.

The local honorees include Sister Anne McInerney, Mrs. James Carney, Sister Anne Celine Walsh, Sister Teresa Hennessey, Sister Mary Martin, Mrs. James Herriott, Mrs. Dorothy Bones, Sister Mary Brett, Sister Ann McCrohan, and Mrs. Leland Holland. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, September 4, 1970**

Faculty To Be Introduced At St. Joseph's—A get-acquainted social session will be a feature of the first fall meeting of St. Joseph's School Parents' Guild at 8 p.m. Sept. 10 in the school multipurpose room.

Sister Mary Martin, principal, has announced the following faculty members to be introduced: Don Prince; Mrs. Carolyn Herriott and Sister Margaret Ann, all of whom will be involved in the newly organized junior high school program. Teachers in grades one to six include Mrs. Marie Carney, Sister Frances McCurdy, Sister Ellen Philbin, Sister Margaret Ann and Sister Mary Patricia.

Special teachers include Mrs. Marie Carr, remedial program; Wilson Frigo, music; Virgil Tomasin, coach; Mrs. Loretta Killingsworth, secretary.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, January 17, 1971**

St. Joseph Parish Advisory Council—At the December 1968 meeting of the C.C.D. Board it was decided that all of the church organizations should share in the responsibilities of the Christian development of the children of all age levels in the parish. To accomplish this it was proposed that the C.C.D. Board should be expanded. This was done by including representatives from the various church groups. It soon became apparent that this expanded board was filling only part of a larger need for the laity to assist the clergy in implementing the directives of Vatican II. For this reason the Saint Joseph Parish Advisory Council was established to aid the clergy in strengthening the spiritual life of the laity. A constitution was drawn up which provided for participation by representatives of all the parish organizations as well as representatives elected by the parishioners. This council coordinates the work of the following boards: Liturgy, School, Finance, Youth, Social and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Executive Board in the promotion of the liturgical, educational, financial, social advancement, and youth development in our parish, to the end that we may achieve a Christian community.

Interim Parish Council, St. Joseph Parish

Members: Msgr. John O'Connor, Rev. James Mulligan, Rev. Kieran McMahon, Sister Mary Martin, Donald J. Bennett, Mrs. Ralph P. Devlin, Donald B. Feser, Mrs. Merrill T. Hugo, Everett McClellan, Mrs. C. H. McCormack, Robert L. Miller, Ray Mosman, Mrs. John M. Roach, Arthur J. Rotter, Mrs. John Scherschel, Virgil Tomasin.

Officers: President: Robert L. Miller, Vice-President: Rev. Kieran McMahon, Secretary: Mrs. C. H. McCormack, Sergeant at Arms: Donald B. Feser.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee: Robert L. Miller, Msgr. John O'Connor, Sister Mary Martin, Virgil Tomasin, Donald B. Feser, Mrs. C. H. McCormack.

Note: All Parish Council meetings and all Board meetings are open to all parishioners. Notice of meetings will appear in the Sunday Parish Bulletin.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, February 8, 1971**

Homecoming Planned At St. Joseph's Parish–A homecoming weekend honoring the graduates of St. Joseph's Parish School, 2460 Gold St., is being planned for April 17 and 18. The event will celebrate the anniversary of the school which opened 25 years ago.

A dinner at 8:30 p.m. April 17 in the school gymnasium will be followed by a program highlighting the events through the quarter century.

On Sunday following the 11 a.m. Mass, a social hour is planned for the families of graduates. Honored guests at the dinner will be graduates of the school, faculty members and former faculty members, former assistant pastors and Msgr. John O'Connor, now the pastor, who was instrumental in establishing the school.

Mrs. Neil Hallman is chairman of the anniversary event.

For information, call Mrs. Eugene Michelson, in charge of invitations, 241-5901, or write "Reunion," care St. Joseph's School.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, April 11, 1971**

Farewell Father McMahon–Father Kieran McMahon, who arrived in St. Joseph Parish in September, 1966, is being transferred to St. Joseph Parish, Yreka.

His friends will have an opportunity to bid him farewell next Wednesday evening, April 14th, between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, April 25, 1971**

Welcome Father O'Connor–Father Patrick O'Connor you are welcome to St. Joseph Parish. May your assignment bring you happiness and be fruitful in an abundance of good works for souls.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, September 5, 1971**

Farewell Father Mulligan–Father James Mulligan, who came to St. Joseph Parish, in April of 1965, is being transferred to Holy Spirit Parish, in Sacramento. His friends will have an opportunity to bid him farewell at a reception to be given next Sunday, September 12th, between 1:30 and 3:00 p.m., in the School Cafeteria.

Housewarming For Sisters of Mercy, Sister M. Martin, Sister Margaret Anne, Sister M. Grace, Sister M. Patricia, September 19, 1971

Convent of Sisters of Mercy, For Teachers in St. Joseph School, 2020 Olive Avenue, Redding

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, September 17, 1971**

Sisters of Mercy, who recently moved into their new home at 2020 Olive Ave., will hold a housewarming from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday. St. Joseph School Parents Guild will be hostess.

The sisters who teach at St. Joseph's School are Sister Mary Martin, principal, Sister Mary Grace, Sister Mary Patricia, Sister Margaret Anne and Sister Ellen Philbin.

Mrs. Roy Burke of the guild is chairman.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, September 19, 1971**

Welcome Father Crowley–Father John Crowley you are welcome to St. Joseph Parish. May your assignment bring you happiness and be fruitful in an abundance of good works for souls.

ST. JOSEPH PARENTS' GUILD BULLETIN **December 1971**

Our Chaplain's Message–Recently a link with the infant days of this parish was severed with the death of Sophia S. Forderhase. Fifty-eight of her eighty-three years were spent in St. Joseph Parish. She was a dedicated, loyal, hard working parishioner. In serving it she did not spare herself. She taught catechism classes, helped with the altar and care of the church, worked on parish bazaars, festivals, food sales, card parties, helped the needy and for many years headed the annual rummage sales.

When I came to St. Joseph Parish in 1952 she was 64 years old, an age when most people beg off many parish projects, yet not so for Mrs. Forderhase. She continued to be active in many of these parish activities until May, 1961, when percentage giving for parish support eliminated some of these activities.

She laid the foundation for the rummage sales that are so lucrative in supporting our parish school.

She gathered and collected for these the year round from parishioners and non parishioners, from people moving into and out of the parish, from those moving into new homes or renovating old ones. She was always on the watch. She was constantly storing and collecting for the next sale. Her motto was, "lots and lots of clean, usable articles of clothing will make money." She gathered round her a band of loyal workers–women to sort and sell, men to haul to, or haul away.

The present day rummage sales operated by the Parents' Guild have inherited that fine spirit of Mrs. Forderhase. Amongst their workers are those of Mrs. Forderhase's day; parents of past students of St. Joseph School; some newcomers to the parish who have no direct association with the school. This fine spirit is wonderful. All are working to help keep our school operating. Helping to keep it going helps the church, helps the community, helps the taxpayers, helps to provide good citizens for tomorrow.

Breathe a prayer that the soul of Sophia S. Forderhase may rest in peace.

WESTERN JESUIT **Spring 1972**

June 16, 1972 is the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of the Alma College Class of 1947. Twenty-eight Jesuits were ordained that day a quarter of a century ago in St. Mary's Cathedral of San Francisco. Of these twenty-eight men, one has since died. The other twenty-seven are at present actively and zealously engaged in their Jesuit priestly ministry. One of these is Rev. Francis A. Moore, S. J., Director of Public Relations, Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix, Arizona.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, April 22, 1973**

Dedication of St. Joseph School playing field will be held on Saturday, April 28th at 4:30 in the afternoon. All parishioners are invited to attend.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, June 10, 1973**

Farewell Father Patrick O'Connor—Father Patrick O'Connor came to St. Joseph Parish in April, 1971. Our best wishes go with him in his new assignment as pastor of Assumption Parish, Truckee.

His friends will have an opportunity to bid him farewell Monday evening, June 11th, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, August 5, 1973**

The report on the playfield shows but a small part of the actual cost. The 1,100 cubic yards of top-soil, the leveling of the ground, the moving and compacting of dirt, were all donated by the J.F. Shea Company. The hundreds of hours of donated labor by some of our parishioners, together with the J.F. Shea donation, would not be less than $9,000.00.

To our devoted parents, parishioners, and friends of St. Joseph School, there is much thanks due not only for special projects, but for the every day operation and maintenance of the school.

The hamburger, hot-dog and rummage sales workers, those who give generously of their time in the school library, on yard duty, the athletics committee, the fathers and mothers who help with the "fix-it and clean-up" project, those who give scholarships, etc., all provide help and funds for St. Joseph School.

With such spirit and loyal support, we can look forward with confidence to the 1973-74 school year.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, August 9, 1973**

New Priest Appointed—Father Michael Kiernan, who was ordained at Saint John's seminary Waterford, Ireland, this summer, arrived in the Sacramento Diocese last week. He has been assigned assistant pastor at Saint Joseph's Church, Redding.

Father Kiernan may represent one of the last in the long line of Irish priests that have served in the Sacramento Diocese since its foundation over a hundred years ago. There are no students studying theology for the Sacramento Diocese in Irish seminaries at present. At the college level there are two candidates.

Father Kiernan was born in County Longford, on February 11, 1949. He entered Saint John's seminary in 1966, and was ordained last June 3. His appointment to Redding became effective August 3.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, December 20, 1973**

Msgr. Connelly, Retired Diocesan Priest Dies—Monsignor John K. Connelly, a retired priest of the Sacramento Diocese, died Friday, December 14, in Letterman Hospital in San Francisco after a long illness. He was 67.

Monsignor Connelly was son of Thomas A. Connelly, the founder and original owner of the *Catholic Herald*. (The *Herald* was founded by Thomas Connelly in 1908; ten years later it became diocesan owned and part of the newspaper chain organized by the Denver *Register*.)

Born in Berkeley, Monsignor Connelly was raised and educated in Sacramento. He received his elementary and high school education at Christian Brothers College and after that entered the Saint Joseph's Seminary in Mountain View which he attended from 1927 to 1928. He then attended Saint Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park from 1929 to 1934.

He was ordained May 31, 1934 in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament by Bishop Robert Armstrong. After serving as assistant pastor in Truckee from June to August 1934 and in Redding from August 1934 to November 1935, he entered the Army.

He served as a chaplain in the army for 26 years and during that time he reached the rank of Col., and was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, Soldier's Medal and Commendation Ribbon. He was elevated to domestic prelate in the Church while in Munich in 1960.

After he retired from the Army, Monsignor Connelly returned to the Sacramento Diocese and served as pastor of Corpus Christi Church in Tahoe City from 1961 to 1963. He retired from active service in 1963 and in recent years lived in the Santa Rosa area.

Cardinal Timothy Manning of Los Angeles, who was a classmate of Monsignor Connelly's at Saint Patrick's Seminary was a principal celebrant at the Mass of Christian Burial which was celebrated at Saint Vincent de Paul Church in San Francisco on Wednesday, December 19.

Bishop Alden J. Bell and Monsignor Cornelius Higgins, Chancellor of the diocese, were among the concelebrants. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma.

Monsignor Connelly is survived by two brothers and four sisters: D. Leslie Connelly of Sacramento; Maurice F. Connelly of Pacific Grove; Sister Clair of the Franciscan Order in Denver; Gertrude Dill of Terra Linda; and Felice Sinnott and Ethel Connelly, both of San Francisco.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 16, 1974**

Auditorium Will Be Scene Of Historic Event—Today (Thursday) will be a milestone in the history of the Catholic Church in Sacramento.

In the presence of about 4,000 people in the Memorial Auditorium Bishop-elect John S. Cummins will be received into the College of Bishops by three members of that college who have figured prominently in his life in the ministry so far.

Bishop John S. Cummins, 1974 **(Catholic Herald)**

Bishop Alden J. Bell, the main consecrator, is General Secretary of the California Catholic Conference where the bishop-elect has been Executive Director for the past three years. The new bishop will now assist Bishop Bell in leading the Sacramento Diocese.

The two co-consecrators will be Bishop Floyd Begin, Bishop of Oakland, where the new bishop served for nine years, and Bishop Hugh Donohoe, Bishop of Fresno, who ordained the bishop-elect at Saint Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, 19 years ago.

Also present will be Archbishop Jean Jadot, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and Bishop James Rausch, General Secretary of the United States Catholic Conference; Cardinal Timothy Manning, Archbishop of Los Angeles, and Archbishop Joseph McGucken of San Francisco. . . .

The homily will be preached by Monsignor Eymard Gallagher, President of the Sacramento Priest's Senate and pastor of Our Lady of Grace Church, West Sacramento. A commentary on the ceremony will be given by Father Keith Kenny, Executive Director of Sacramento Catholic Social Service. . . .

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, May 26, 1974**

A unique plan for getting away from paying interest on parish debt is being used in other parishes and could very well be done here in St. Joseph Parish. The interest we are at present paying on the parish debt has risen to 12 per cent. Our debt is $139,000. Needed are 139 parishioners who would each loan $1,000 interest-free to the parish. All loans would be paid back within three years.

If interested, please phone Msgr. O'Connor or one of the following members of the Finance-Maintenance Board, Paul Fairhurst, Chairman; Julius Korsen, Vice-Chairman; or Gerald Cerepa, Secretary.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, August 18, 1974**

At the Finance-Maintenance Board meeting this past Monday evening, the members stated there are many parishioners who would like to participate in the parish's interest-free project but find the $1,000 loan too difficult. In keeping with this request, a loan of $500 will be welcome and appreciated. Parishioners who wish to loan $500 are requested to fill out the form below and forward it with their check to the rectory.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, April 20, 1975**

For eleven years Maurice Melvin has served St. Joseph Parish with faithful service, caring for the parish cemetery and school, etc. Due to an injury suffered in World War II, which has worsened, he cannot continue his present work load and will have to be replaced. Anyone interested in this job may apply to Msgr. O'Connor.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 13, 1975**

Redding Convention—Knights of Columbus to Meet. Some 2,000 members and guests of the Knights of Columbus will meet in Redding this weekend for the first statewide convention of the Catholic men's organization north of Sacramento.

Delegates will begin arriving Thursday at the Holiday Inn, where registrations will be taken from 2 to 7 p.m. No formal convention activity is planned Thursday night.

Opening ceremonies will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Friday in the Civic Auditorium, marking the organization's 73rd annual state convention.

Mayor Charles Denny will be presented with a flag flown over the White House and given to the organization by Rep. Harold T. "Bizz" Johnson, D-Roseville. Denny is also scheduled to give opening remarks. Others to speak are representatives of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors and other civic leaders.

Among the KC dignitaries expected to attend are Supreme Knight John McDevitt of New Haven, Conn.; State Deputy J. William Young, head of the California Council; and Bishop Alden Bell of the Sacramento Diocese, Catholic Church.

Heading up local arrangements are Grand Knight Carlo M. Cerro of Anderson, and Raymond J. Franklin, convention committee chairman of Redding Council 3978.

The opening ceremonies will be open to the public but business sessions are restricted to members of the international fraternity.

"No evening business is scheduled to allow visitors to see our city and surrounding areas," said Donald J. Bennett, who is handling publicity with John E. Spangler.

Tours of Shasta Caverns and Shasta Dam will be provided for wives of the delegates. There also will be a women's luncheon Saturday while the men attend an awards luncheon that will follow a morning business session.

About 70 golfers have already signed up for a golf tournament for delegates at the Tucker Oaks Golf Course, scheduled at 8 a.m. Friday, Bennett said.

A dinner is planned for 1,300 persons at the Civic Auditorium for KC members, their wives and guests at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, followed by dancing.

A limited number of tickets remain unsold for this event and may be obtained from convention committee members, Bennett said.

Committee members, in addition to Bennett, Spangler and Franklin, are Peter A. Baccilieri, housing; Joseph Corbeilli, sports events; Raymond T. Kravitz and Richard N. Gersbach, transportation; Arthur J. Rotter, tours; and Virgil D. Tomasin, program activities.

Bennett said Redding KC members bid for the 1975 convention five years ago. The community's bid was accepted over one from San Jose.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, June 8, 1975**

On June 23rd Msgr. John O'Connor will celebrate his 40th year in the priesthood, twenty-three of those years having been spent as pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Redding. To honor Msgr O'Connor on this occasion a concelebrated mass will be offered that evening at 7:30 p.m. to which all parishioners are invited. Refreshments will be served in the multi-purpose building following the mass. For further details call Martha Wiebelhaus or Bob Miller.

NOTE: *Msgr. John O'Connor was ordained a priest June 23, 1935 at All Hallows College, Dublin, Ireland.*

Msgr. John O'Connor, 40th Anniversary of Ordination, June 23, 1975
(Redding Record–Searchlight)

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, June 24, 1975**

40th Year In Priesthood–Msgr. John O'Connor, who is marking his 40th year in the priesthood, was given a set of golf clubs, bag and cart, by well-wishers from St. Joseph's parish in Redding Monday after the 7:30 p.m. mass. He has spent twenty-three years at St. Joseph. In that time, a new school was built in addition to a gymnasium and a church in Central Valley.

NOTE: *The paper failed to mention that in that time the new Saint Joseph Church and rectory were built and a convent was purchased for the Sisters of Mercy who teach in Saint Joseph School.*

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, July 13, 1975**

As was indicated at the time, any oversubscription to Msgr. O'Connor's 40th Anniversary Remembrance was to be placed in a fund for a charitable cause of his choice. This week a check in the amount of $442.15 has been presented to Monsignor and will be used for the scholarship fund at St. Joseph School.

Many thanks for your generosity.
The Committee

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, July 31, 1975**

New Seminarians–Eight new Sacramento diocesan seminarians who will begin their studies in September had an opportunity to meet their fellow seminarians and priests last week at a social given by Bishop Alden J. Bell at his residence. Bishop John Cummins and Fr. Carroll Laubacher talked with two of the new seminarians, Kevin

Snider from Redding and Nguyen Xuan Huong. Huong is a Vietnamese refugee being sponsored by St. Ignatius parish, Sacramento. He has completed some studies for the priesthood in Vietnam and was also a member of the South Vietnamese Air Force. The other new seminarians are: James Guest (Vacaville), Mathew Myres (South Lake Tahoe), Mark Schwartz (Sacramento), Duane Federighi (Broderick), Edward Lewis (Sacramento) and Timothy Louie (Montague).

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, October 19, 1975**

Annual Parish Registration—The annual parish registration will be held next weekend, Saturday, October 25th and Sunday, October 26th during all the masses. Cards are to be filled out by all adults, (anyone 18 years of age, or older, is an adult). One card is sufficient for a husband and wife.

You will be given an opportunity to check which of the following you are interested in:

St. Joseph Altar Society; Legion of Mary; St. Joseph Parents' Guild; Rummage Sale for Support of School; St. Michael Guild; Ushers; Lectors and Commentators; Song Leader at Mass; Help with Nursery during 9:30 Mass; Help with Kinder-Catholic during 9:30 Mass; Help with Religious Goods Store after Sunday Morning Masses; Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Elementary or High School; Catholic Youth Organization; Newman Club; Scouting Program, Girls or Boys; Knights of Columbus; Young Ladies Institute; Pro-Life Program; Library; Newcomers Welcoming Committee; Beatitude Luncheons; ðr some other activity.

Think about the above activities during the week. There is something for everyone!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, February 8, 1976**

Jack Reiser has been honored by the Diocese of Sacramento, by receiving the St. George Emblem from His Excellency, Bishop Bell, in a special ceremony at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, in Sacramento, on Sunday, February 1st, during the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

This award is granted for outstanding work with Boy Scouts. Those of St. Joseph Parish are well aware of Jack's work, not only for boy scouts, but also in C.C.D. and youth programs of all age levels in the Redding area. His interest and work are of many years duration. We rejoice with him and feel honored because of the honor he has received.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, June 5, 1976**

Three Winners—Certificates of commendation, trophies and U.S. Savings Bonds were presented this week to the winners of essay and art competitions sponsored by the *Record–Searchlight*. R–S Editor Robert Edkin visited schools in Redding, Anderson, Cottonwood, Palo Cedro, Burney and Yreka to make the presentations to the five winners in the Bicentennial Art Contest and the seven winners in the Bicentennial Essay Competition. . . .

Sister Mary Martin, principal at St. Joseph's School, can boast of three competition winners. They are Robert McCloskey, 1st grade art; Lori Franco, 2nd grade art; and David Moty, 7th grade essay.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, June 10, 1976**

Clergy Appointments—His Excellency the Bishop, in consultation with the Diocesan Personnel Board, has made the following Clergy Appointments:

Reverend John J. Crowley, Assistant Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico, effective September 1, 1976.

Reverend John M. Lawrence, Assistant Pastor, St. Joseph's Parish, Redding, effective September 1, 1976. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, June 16, 1976

By Louise White—Yreka—There were tears of joy on some parishioner's faces as a new priest individually blessed members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church here Saturday.

The Rev. John Lawrence was ordained in St. Joseph's at 10:30 a.m. during a Pontifical Concelebrated Mass. It was the first ordination of a Catholic priest in Siskiyou County, and one of the highlights of the parish's centennial celebration.

The Rev. John Cummins, auxiliary bishop of the Sacramento Diocese, officiated at the Mass, which was attended by more than 300 persons.

On Sunday Father Lawrence said his first Mass of Thanksgiving, and a reception followed in the parish hall.

He will remain in Yreka as assistant to St. Joseph's pastor, Father Francis Sullivan, until June 20 when he will go to St. John Vianney Church in Rancho Cordova.

His first assignment begins in September, when he will become associate pastor to Msgr. John O'Connor at St. Joseph's Church in Redding.

Father Lawrence is 28. He is the third young man to be ordained in the Sacramento Diocese recently.

Ordination of Father John Lawrence by Bishop John Cummins assisted by Fr. John Sullivan, Pastor Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Jones and by Fr. Thomas Bland, Associate Pastor, Holy Spirit Parish, Sacramento, June 12, 1976
(Photo by Louise White, Redding Record–Searchlight)

A native of Yreka and the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. "Bud" Lawrence of Yreka, he was graduated from Yreka High School in 1967, and studied at Holy Apostles College in Cromwell, Conn. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree June, 1972.

He earned his Masters degree at St. Patrick's Major Seminary in Menlo Park in 1974.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lawrence and son Jeffery at Ordination **(Photo by Louise White)**

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, September 23, 1976**

Meal Deals Offered–Free or reduced-price meals and milk are available to eligible students through the National School Lunch Program offered at St. Joseph School.

Children from low-income families or families with unusual expenses may be eligible for the program, and should fill out applications available at the school office.

THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC **Sunday, December 5, 1976**

Priest Feels Tragic Loss In Special Way–When the Rev. Francis Moore of Brophy Preparatory School in Phoenix stands to give the invocation Tuesday at dedication ceremonies for the *USS Arizona* anchor memorial, it will have a special meaning to him.

Father Moore's half brother, Marine Pfc. Richard J. Minear, was assigned to the battleship *Arizona* as a guard on Dec. 7, 1941. He and 1,101 other U.S. servicemen went down with the ship when it sank within minutes of being hit by Japanese bombs. Minear was 20.

In 1953, Father Moore, as a Marine Corps chaplain, said a Memorial Day Mass aboard the *USS Arizona* Memorial in Hawaii's Pearl Harbor. It was the first and only time Father Moore visited the memorial, he said.

Father Moore came to Phoenix in 1962 as Brophy president. He left in 1968 for two years in Sacramento before returning as the school's director of development in 1970.

Father Francis A. Moore, S.J., 1976

THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC **Wednesday, December 8, 1976**

2,000 Visit Capitol To Dedicate Display Of USS Arizona Anchor–More than 2,000 persons gathered Tuesday at the State Capitol Mall on the 35th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack to dedicate a memorial to the sunken battleship USS Arizona.

Representatives of every U.S. military service and nearly all veterans' organizations joined with dignitaries from federal, state and local government to pay homage to the 1,102 men who lost their lives on the Arizona.

More than 500 Arizona schoolchildren attended the USS Arizona Anchor Memorial ceremonies.

The children represented more than 17,000 Arizona students who donated nearly $5,000 in nickels, dimes and quarters toward the $65,000 cost of the memorial. Their names and the names of all others who donated money, material or services will be placed in a 100-year time capsule to be implanted at the memorial site.

The battleship Arizona went to the bottom of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, during the first minutes of a Japanese air attack that drew the United States into World War II.

Participating in the dedication program was the Rev. Francis Moore of Phoenix, director of development at Brophy Preparatory School. Father Moore lost a brother on the USS Arizona during the attack.

"We are proud that the name of our state is linked to such a symbol of national heroism," Father Moore said in his invocation. "May this monument be an inspiration

to all citizens for greater patriotism, loyalty and devotion to our country—to protect, foster and serve its lofty ideals." . . .

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, February 13, 1977**

1976 Financial Report—Ten years ago, in February, we moved into our new St. Joseph Church. The parish had a debt of over $400,000.00. By December 31st, 1976, this debt was paid off. A great help toward this accomplishment was due to our parishioners who year after year supported the parish according to the "Fair Share" Offertory Program and those who loaned money free of interest to the parish.

In the past year, a kindergarten, school library, and storage room were constructed. The school playground was resurfaced and restrooms improved.

Now, we must turn our attention to the growing areas of Palo Cedro, Millville and Bella Vista. A suitable building is needed for the religious instruction of the children who live in these communities. The parish has purchased property in Palo Cedro with that thought in mind.

Building has always been expensive but in these days of inflation, prices have skyrocketed. Let us all work together to lay aside a substantial amount before starting construction and avoid high interest charges.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, February 13, 20, 27, 1977**

St. Joseph Parish will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee in 1978. In honor of this event it is planned to print a history of the Catholic Church in Shasta County. Parishioners who have articles or pictures of historical value which they think are suitable for this publication are asked to submit them to Msgr. O'Connor.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, February 24, 1977**

San Francisco Changes Leaders—The Vatican announced Tuesday that Pope Paul VI has accepted the resignation of San Francisco Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken and named Oklahoma City's Archbishop John R. Quinn to succeed him.

Archbishop McGucken, who has headed the San Francisco See since 1962, celebrates his 75th birthday March 13. Before moving to San Francisco he served as a bishop in Sacramento for seven years, and was succeeded by Bishop Alden J. Bell. . . .

Archbishop McGucken studied engineering for two years at the University of California at Los Angeles before entering St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, in 1922. He later studied at the North American College in Rome and was ordained there January 15, 1928.

After one year in parish work, he became secretary to the late Bishop John J. Cantwell of the Los Angeles archdiocese.

Ordained as auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles on March 19, 1941, he later served as administrator of the Monterey-Fresno diocese. Appointed coadjutor bishop of Sacramento in 1955, he became bishop of Sacramento two years later. He was installed as archbishop of San Francisco February 22, 1962.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, April 3, 1977**

Palo Cedro and East Valley Parishioners: A survey of Catholic families in the Palo Cedro area is under way to determine the needs of Catholics in this area. The parish has purchased property off Deschutes Road and must identify the number of Catholics that would be served by a future multi-purpose facility. If you are missed in the survey, please call Mike or Fran Evans, 547-3044 or Colby or Mary Smith, 547-3882.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, April 21, 1977**

Ordinations Set For Saturday—"Let him who is to be ordained a priest come forward."

With these traditional words, Bishop Alden J. Bell will begin the solemn rite of ordination at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 23, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

The ancient ceremony will climax years of study and prayer for William Hold, Michael Turner and William Feeser. . . .

A native of Madera, California, Rev. Turner says he was drawn toward the priesthood because "a priest is a man who cares." "He tries to be in touch with the people," he says, "their joys and their sorrows."

Rev. Turner graduated from Foothill High School, Bakersfield, and St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, before entering St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, in 1973.

Rev. Turner has served as associate pastor at Presentation parish, Sacramento. He will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving there on April 24 at 11:00 A.M. . . .

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, April 24, 1977**

The Young Ladies Institute invites all parishioners to a reception in honor of Father Kiernan on Tuesday, April 26th from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, April 28, 1977**

Pastor Appointed For Alturas—Father Michael Kiernan has been appointed by Bishop Alden J. Bell as pastor of Sacred Heart parish, Alturas. Father Kiernan, 28, is a native of County Longford, Ireland. Ordained in 1973 at St. John's Seminary, Waterford, he formerly served as associate pastor at St. Joseph's Redding. Father Kiernan will replace Father Feliz Mysliwiec, a retired chaplain, who has served as administrator of the parish.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 5, 1977**

Bishop Cummins To Oakland—Washington.—Bishop John S. Cummins, 49, has been named by Pope Paul VI to succeed the late Bishop Floyd L. Begin as head of the diocese of Oakland.

Bishop Cummins, auxiliary of Sacramento, since 1974, was executive director of the California Catholic Conference from 1971 to February, 1977.

His appointment was announced Tuesday by Archbishop Jean Jadot, apostolic delegate in the U.S. . . .

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN **Sunday, May 8, 1977**

Farewell Father Kiernan—Father Kiernan, who came to St. Joseph Parish in September of 1972, has been transferred to Sacred Heart Church in Alturas. Our best wishes go with him in his new assignment.

Father John Lawrence, 1977

Father Michael Turner, 1977

(Photos by Tom Dunlap, Record—Searchlight)

To The Clergy—His Excellency the Bishop in consultation with the Diocesan Personnel Board has made the following appointments effective May 20, 1977:

Rev. William J. R. Feeser, associate pastor, Our Lady of the Assumption parish, Carmichael; Rev. William B. Hold, associate pastor Holy Rosary parish, Woodland; Rev. Michael L. Turner, associate pastor St. Joseph's parish, Redding.

NOTE: *In May 1977, Msgr. John O'Connor observed his twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor of St. Joseph Parish, having arrived in Redding May 21, 1952. He requested that there be no public observance of this occasion, and instead that parishioners look forward to the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the parish in 1978.*

Msgr. John O'Connor, 25th Anniversary as Pastor St. Joseph Parish, May 1977
(Photo by Tom Schmidt, Dick Black Studio)

ST. CAROLINE HOSPITAL

THE WEEKLY SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 12, 1897**

Addition to the Medical Fraternity—Dr. Ferdinand Stabel has decided to locate permanently at Redding, and comes to our midst with the highest recommendations of his literary and professional education. After receiving a literary education in the colleges and university at Kaiserslautern and Wurzburg, he studied medicine under a member of the staff of the surgical clinic at the University of Heidelberg. The young man visited America for his health and decided to remain on the coast, later he continued the study of medicine at San Francisco and graduated from the Cooper Medical College. After graduating, Dr. Stabel studied insanity and nervous diseases at the Napa asylum for over two years and received an appointment on the staff of the German hospital at San Francisco. Until recently he was surgeon for the Alaska Packing Association, but has decided finally to establish a private practice and has chosen Redding for his permanent field. For the present the doctor has offices at the Temple hotel until suitable quarters can be secured.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Wednesday, October 13, 1897**

A New Physician—We desire to call attention to the card of Dr. F. Stabel, physician and surgeon. The doctor is a graduate of Wurzburg University, Bavaria, and has studied medicine at the University of Heidelberg, concluding his course at the Cooper college, San Francisco. He has been associated with the medical staff of the German hospital, San Francisco, and has studied insanity and nervous diseases for over two years at the Napa asylum for the insane as well as at the Home of the Inebriates of the Bay city. The doctor has decided to make Redding his home and can be found for the present at the Temple hotel.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Wednesday, October 5, 1898**

Regains His Sight—Remarkable Surgical Operation Performed By Dr. Ferdinand Stabel.

A surgical operation, which it is believed will completely restore the sight of a poor man who has been totally blind for more than three years, was recently performed in this city by Dr. Ferdinand Stabel.

George Dixon has long resided in and about Igo. Several years ago cataracts began to form in each eye and three years ago he became totally blind. He was without means and, in his helpless condition, soon became a charge upon the county.

The Board of Supervisors recently authorized Dr. Stabel to perform an operation, one of the most difficult known to surgery of the eye, for the removal of the cataract in hopes of restoring Mr. Dixon's sight. This operation has never been performed in this

part of the State, to our knowledge, and it is to Dr. Stabel's credit that he undertook such a difficult feat of surgery.

On September 23d the delicate operation was performed, proving entirely successful. Dr. Stabel displayed wonderful skill and thorough knowledge of the case. Dr. Lawry and Dr. Stevenson attended the operation in Dr. Stabel's office. Within a week the patient was able to leave his darkened room in the Temple Hotel and walk about town unattended. He could readily distinguish all objects and read the headlines on the newspapers.

On Friday last the patient exposed himself to the chill air and suffered inflammation of the eye, but he continues to improve and is again about the hotel. Mr. Dixon is hopeful of eventually being able to read ordinary print, with the aid of glasses, and is very grateful to Dr. Stabel, being unable to say too much in praise of the surgeon's skill. He also appreciates the kindly act of the Board of Supervisors.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, December 1, 1898**

Dr. Ferdinand Stabel is in receipt of a new operating chair and a full set of electrical appliances for the treatment of diseases of the ear, nose and eye.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, November 10, 1906**

A New Institution for Redding–Prominent Medicos To Build. Following the purchase of that very desirable site with an area of 150 by 200 feet, upon which for years the tennis club has played its interesting games, comes the information that several well known Redding professional and business men have formed an association to be known as the St. Caroline Hospital Association, for the purpose of building and maintaining a public hospital in the Queen City of the North.

The articles of incorporation which have been filed fixed the capital stock at $15,000. Only three directors are named, they being Dr. Ferdinand Stabel, Dr. J. T. Rohm and John Wm. Hare.

The location of the proposed hospital fronts on Pine street and is conveniently situated within the city limits.

While definite arrangments have not been decided upon so far as the public is concerned, it is believed that Contractor Scamman, who has the preparation of building plans in hand, will be required to construct a two-story brick building of most approved, modern and sanitary designs.

It is the aim of the principal projectors of the investment to make the St. Caroline Hospital second to none in the state, and a knowledge of the men at the head of the association would emphasize that contention.

Redding has long wanted an established public hospital and the movement now reviewed will certainly have the hearty good will of the community.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, February 9, 1907**

Splendid Building For Local Hospital–The recent visit to Sacramento of Dr. F. Stabel was not a political mission, but a journey in search of an architect to plan for this city a private hospital which in every way except that of magnitude will be second to none in the State.

The hospital project is not a new thing, but this latest development in planning for the same is not only new, but will result in giving this city a building of the Mission style that will be a handsome acquisition to Redding. The building to be located on the tennis court lots at the corner of Pine and Sacramento, will be set back so as to allow for lawn, palms, shrubbery and flowers. The interior arrangements are to be as perfect as possible. Possibly there will be a patio, as in Mexico, roofed in with glass, and set with turf and shrubbery, for the comfort and convenience of convalescents. This feature, which would be very expensive indeed, has not been finally determined upon.

At the same time, the assurance is given that Redding is to have one of the most up-to-date hospitals in the state, in scientific and sanitary arrangements and architecturally. The latest plans will call for the expenditure of a great deal more money than at first intended. Construction will be started as soon as arrangements can be made.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Saturday, March 16, 1907**

St. Caroline Hospital Will Cost $16,000–Redding Will Have Finest Hospital In California. The St. Caroline hospital, to be erected at the corner of Pine and Sacramento streets in this city, will cost over $16,000 before completed. The contract for the building was let Saturday morning. W. D. Cofer received the contract and the amount of his bid was $12,474. This does not include the heating and ventilating plant, the furniture and finishings.

The building will be the handsomest in Northern California of Mission style of architecture and will be in height almost equal to a four-story structure. There will be a large basement in which the heating and ventilating plant will be located. Then there will be two high stories for use and the towers and ornamentation at the top will occupy the space of another story.

Every room will be connected with bath and toilet, the ventilating and heating system will be the latest, the air being drawn out with a two-horse power motor. Steam heat will be used.

It will be the best equipped hospital in California, without exception.

Mr. Cofer will begin work Monday under his contract.

The grounds will be laid out in lawns and landscape gardens, with fountains and fine walks.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Thursday, April 11, 1907**

St. Caroline Hospital–This magnificent hospital is being built at the corner of Pine and Sacramento streets, Redding, by the St. Caroline Hospital Association, of which Dr. Ferdinand Stabel is president. Work has already been commenced on the excavations for the concrete foundation. O. Westbrook has the excavating contract.

John Kaveny has the contract for the concrete work and will begin at once. The Witter Plumbing Company has the contract to install the steam heating, ventilating and plumbing. W. D. Cofer has the carpenter contract.

The building, when completed, which will be by the first of September, will cost over $20,000.00. It will occupy a ground space of 56 by 73 feet, and will be two stories and basement in height, besides the towers and fire wall, which will give it the appearance of a four-story building.

. . . There will be at least four trained nurses employed at all times and more as occasion demands. The hospital will be open to the public.

Architects who have examined the plans, say it will be the handsomest building and the finest hospital between Sacramento and Portland. As a hospital it will not be excelled anywhere on the coast.

The grounds will be improved and planted to trees, shrubbery and grass, with fountains at conspicuous points in the lawns.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Wednesday, September 11, 1907**

Only Hospital For Training In The North–The St. Caroline Training School for Nurses will be one of the chief features of the new hospital about to be opened to the public at the corner of Pine and Sacramento streets. The school will be the only one of its kind between Sacramento and Portland, Oregon, and will be in charge of Misses J. E. and Annie Cassella, who will have the management of St. Caroline's hospital.

Applicants for courses in the training school will, on acceptance, be given as complete instruction as can be secured anywhere in the United States, and at the end of the course the professional nurse's diploma will be issued from the hospital. This is

something that is not done in any but the first-class hospitals in the larger cities, and in itself marks the St. Caroline as one of the very best institutions of its kind in existence.

The handsome new hospital will be opened to the public with a grand public reception on Sunday, September 22d. The reception will be held at the hospital and the public generally will be invited.

Saturday evening, September 21st, there will be given a banquet at which the directors of the St. Caroline Hospital Association, the physicians of Shasta county and a number of invited persons will be guests. The banquet will be given by the Misses Cassella and the ladies are making elaborate preparations for the event.

The painters and furniture men are now busy putting the finishing touches to the building and the Misses Cassella are working like beavers getting things straightened around for the opening. The cook will arrive on the scene of action Thursday and she will at once put the culinary department of the hospital in working condition.

Mrs. Cassella, who prior to her term at the Shasta County Hospital, was prominent in nurse circles in San Francisco, is enthusiastic about the St. Caroline.

"It is without a doubt one of the best hospitals in existence," she said to a *Courier–Free Press* representative Wednesday morning. "It is by far the best in California north of San Francisco and there are several features about the hospital that excel even the best in San Francisco. The operating room I will compare with any at any place. It is perfect and cannot be improved upon.

"We are confident of the success of the institution and I am certain the people of Northern California will learn to appreciate the hospital when they are brought to a realization of its vast benefits."

Dr. Ferdinand Stabel is president of the St. Caroline Hospital Association and it was through his untiring efforts that the project was financed and carried through to such a successful end.

COURIER–FREE PRESS **Monday, September 23, 1907**

St. Caroline Was Open To Public For Inspection–At Reception Sunday Afternoon and Evening the Public Inspected All Arrangements of Modern Hospital Unexcelled in the West–Operating Room Certainly the Best in the Whole West–Physicians and Laymen Unite in Praise of Successful Completion of Undertaking that Will Be of Vast Benefit to the Whole County.

St. Caroline Hospital, Northwest corner of Pine and Sacramento Streets, Opened September 21, 1907, Destroyed by fire September 19, 1909 (Chester Mullen Collection, courtesy Shasta Historical Society)

. . . The floors of St. Caroline are of hard wood, the walls of clean, white plaster. The wood decorations of walls and of stairway and doors are what give the air of homelike comfort. It is steam heated and lighted by electricity.

There are twelve private rooms for patients, two wards, an operating room, sterilizing room and surgical dressing room, besides parlor, dining room and kitchen.

The private rooms and wards are of the same cleanly and attractive appearance as the hall and reception parlor.

A bathroom connected with almost every room—a feature not seen in any other hospital in the West.

. . . A course in cooking is a most important part of the full three years' course for student nurses in St. Caroline. Convalescents must have the best and most palatable of fares. That is the best part of being sick in a modern hospital.

It is advisable for those who contemplate a course in nursing at St. Caroline to apply in person. Miss Cassella is a competent judge as to whether the candidate is fitted at the outset with the health to stand the work and this first and important qualification may only be learned from a personal meeting.

Students are taken upon three months probation. The full course, as in all training schools for nurses, is three years. Student nurses are usually employed in the wards, but that is at the discretion of the superintendent nurse, who places them at work which will be of most benefit to patients and to themselves.

The rates at St. Caroline will be, probably, about those at hospitals of a much inferior modernity. These are the rates at one well-known hospital:

For a private room, $25 a week.

For half of a room, two patients, $17.50 per week.

For a private room in maternity cases, two weeks, $55.

For a half room in maternity cases, two weeks, $45.

Operating room fee (major cases) subject to extras, $10.

Operating room fee (minor cases), $5.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, September 24, 1907**

St. Caroline Hospital Open—St. Caroline, one of the most splendidly appointed hospitals in the interior of California, costing between $20,000 and $30,000 to build and equip, was opened to the public Sunday and Sunday evening, and throughout the day and evening a large crowd visited and admired the handsome institution, its appointments and equipment. The following day the hospital was opened for the reception of patients.

A banquet of stockholders was given Saturday evening by Miss Josephine Cassella, superintendent nurse, one of the ward rooms being used for a banquet hall. The clean, white walls were chastely adorned with palms, and the banquet board, with its snowy linen, was tastefully decorated and arranged. The banquet itself and the service left nothing to be desired and reflected great credit upon the staff of the institution.

Mrs. F. Stabel assisted by Mrs. A. H. Brown, Mrs. C. C. Bush Sr. and Mrs. J. T. Rohm acted as reception committee, the Misses Cassella being the hostesses of the occasion.

Among the physicians present who expressed their pride in the hospital were Dr. O. J. Lawry, Dr. J. T. Rohm, Dr. B. F. Saylor, Dr. Webber, Dr. F. Stabel and Dr. A. B. Gilliland of Cottonwood. Each of them spoke of the need of such an institution in Shasta County and how well the need had been supplied. Judge C. C. Bush, toastmaster of the evening, was happy in his remarks and instructive with reference to the institution.

Dr. Stabel, to whose energy and pride was left by the association the work of organization, promotion, planning, contracting and construction of the building and the arrangements for its equipment, told of how he had discharged the obligation that

had fallen upon him, and now that the hospital was finished and turned over to the association he would occupy the same position with reference to the institution as any other reputable physician who desired to avail himself of the benefit and advantages of a modern hospital for the care of his patients.

J. E. Terry made some happy remarks in which he paid the highest compliments to the professional skill of Miss Cassella, the superintendent nurse. D. G. Reid, James Hoyle, Reuben Hoyle, Fred Grotefend, W. L. Morris and others also spoke in high praise of the institution.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, September 25, 1907**

Sainted Memory Of Mother Honored—Origin Of Name Of Redding's New Hospital Is Explained. What finer tribute could there be paid to the saintly memory of a mother than for her son to build and name a hospital for her—thus to "rise up and call her blessed"?

That was what Dr. Ferdinand Stabel did in the founding of St. Caroline's in Redding, the splendid institution for the amelioration of suffering and all them that come to be healed of diseases.

Caroline Stabel, the mother thus honored, saw her flock of thirteen children grow to lives of usefulness in the world, seven sons and six daughters, when, a full year past the allotted span, she was called to her reward. Her home was in Bavaria, where all but two of her children—Dr. Stabel in Redding and a daughter in Los Angeles, whose life's good deeds as a Sister of Charity are not recorded nor seen of men—lived round about her there.

Among them all it was a coveted honor to have her visit them. But to the son and daughter eight thousand miles away in America she could not come. On the occasion of Dr. Stabel's last pilgrimage home two years ago, he told her before he told anyone else of his purpose of building a hospital. "And, mother," he said, "I am going to name it for you—Saint Caroline."

This much was ascertained when the inquiry brought tears to the eyes of the dutiful son. It could be pressed no further.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Wednesday, August 26, 1908**

Destructive Fire At St. Caroline Hospital—Only the prompt and efficient work of the Redding Fire Department Wednesday afternoon saved the beautiful St. Caroline Hospital in this city from destruction by fire and heroic efforts on the part of the attendants of the institution placed the patients promptly clear of the danger zone without difficulty or inconvenience. . . .

The building was insured for $10,000 and the furniture for $2000 in various companies through the Hare & Hill Agency, and the damage is estimated at about $2000.

St. Caroline Hospital was erected at a cost of over $25,000 by an association of business men of Redding less than one year ago and is one of the most substantial and beautiful structures in California. It has been a great benefit to this part of the State and there was much rejoicing in the city when the work of the fire laddies saved the building from utter destruction. Dr. Ferdinand Stabel, president of the association, was in attendance and personally directed the efforts of the staff in caring for the patients.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, September 21, 1909**

St. Caroline Hospital Burned—Nurse Perishes; All Patients Are Saved.

A fire that resulted in one fatality and endangered the lives of a dozen people, broke out in the St. Caroline Hospital at 3:30 Sunday morning and completely destroyed that institution. Unable to reach safety, Mrs. J. H. Harding, whose room was on the second floor, perished in the flames, her charred and unrecognizable body being found in fragmentary parts at the break of day by firemen who played a stream of

water on the ruins. The screams of the victim were heard by people within and without the building, but no one at any time saw her and the exact manner of her death will remain unknown. . . .

The loss of the building with equipment and furniture reaches $18,000. The insurance is $12,000. The institution had not always been a paying one, but since the recent changes inaugurated by Dr. F. Stabel material signs of prosperity appeared to be forthcoming.

It is hoped that a new structure will rise to cover the black debris left by the old. The loss of St. Caroline Hospital falls not alone on the stockholders. It is a great loss to the community at large. . . .

The St. Caroline Hospital management has rented temporary quarters in what is known as the Conant dwelling, corner of North and Pine. The property belongs to Mrs. Henry Clineschmidt.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, October 1, 1909**

Hospital To Open Monday Morning—The St. Caroline Hospital will be re-opened, in a way, next Monday morning in the Clineschmidt dwelling, corner of North and Pine streets. Miss Constance Rainsberry, matron of the St. Caroline at the time of the fire, will be in charge of the new institution. Furniture and many necessary hospital appliances were ordered from San Francisco and all will be in readiness next Monday morning for the reception of patients.

The new hospital will of course not be equal to the old St. Caroline, but it will be the best that can be afforded under the circumstances.

The directors and stockholders of the St. Caroline Hospital Association will meet next Tuesday evening. At that time it will be decided whether a new St. Caroline shall rise from the ashes of the old.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, February 22, 1910**

$13,971 Cost of New St. Caroline—The contract for rebuilding the St. Caroline Hospital on its old site was let Saturday by the stockholders of the association to William Stephens, who submitted the lowest bid of $13,971.90. The only other bidder was Frank Scamman. The new structure will cover the substantial cement basement of the old and compass a larger part of the grounds, as its height will be but one story. The time given in the contract for completing the building is one hundred days.

The plans call for a building of the Mission type, of cement and frame construction and stucco finish. Eighteen rooms will be provided, among them being the kitchen, parlor and operating and surgical rooms. A porch with a balcony will partially surround the whole and the new St. Caroline will be a graceful structure, if not quite so imposing as the old.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, September 7, 1910**

St. Caroline Sanitarium Moves Into New Quarters—The St. Caroline sanitarium is moving into its new quarters at the corner of Pine and Sacramento streets and by the end of the week will be comfortably lodged at the new home. The official opening will be held on the 26th of this month, but visitors are welcome to view the new building from 10 to 11 a.m., from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 8 p.m.

The new structure has been erected at an expense of $20,000, the design of the Old Mission being carried out in every detail with the exception of the sterilizing and operating rooms. It has been so constructed that for an additional expense of $4000 the capacity of the building may be doubled. Eighteen patients may be accommodated at one time without crowding, there being twelve patients' bedrooms, four of which are double and will accommodate two. In addition to the regular bedrooms, there is an office and superintendent's room, operating and sterilizing rooms, dining room and

kitchen in the basement, cold storage room and physicians' and general toilet. . . . All rooms are exceptionally well lighted. Beds may be placed on the large surrounding porch in hot weather. . . .

Miss Theresa Ericksen, R. N. is the superintendent of the new sanitarium. The following graduate nurses are employed: Misses Alice Somervail, Kathryn Sweeney and Anna Shinn.

St. Caroline Hospital, Opened September 26, 1910

THE SEARCHLIGHT Tuesday, September 27, 1910

St. Caroline Has A House Warming—The St. Caroline sanitarium, one of the finest private hospitals in the interior of the state, was open to the public yesterday and many took the advantage to visit the fine, uptodate institution. A full account of its architectural design, conveniences and equipment appeared in the Searchlight some weeks ago. Miss Theresa Ericksen is the superintendent in charge.

WEEKLY SEARCHLIGHT Thursday, February 21, 1924

St. Caroline Hospital To Be Enlarged—St. Caroline hospital is to be enlarged. An extension costing close to $10,000 will be built as soon as the plans are agreed upon. Dr. Ferdinand Stabel has gone to San Francisco to consult an architect.

The hospital has grown so much in favor it is full about all the time. In fact is it frequently the case that prospective patients have to be turned away.

SHASTA COURIER Friday, February 22, 1924

New Anaesthesia Machine For Hospital—Dr. F. Stabel has returned from San Francisco where he purchased an anaesthesia machine for use at the St. Caroline hospital. The machine produces anaesthesia of nitrus oxide and oxygen and its installation will mean the practical abolition of the use of ether and chloroform. The new anaesthesia results in no vomiting or nausea, according to the physician, and therefore is preferable to ether or chloroform.

While enlargement of the hospital is a future necessity, Dr. Stabel says construction is not being considered now.

The local physician's experiments with a dye method to cure tuberculosis, being conducted at the University of California, are progressing satisfactorily.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Friday, June 9, 1933

Story of Founding of St. Caroline Is Told To Rotarians—At the Rotary meeting Thursday noon, Dr. F. Stabel gave an interesing talk on the establishment of St. Caroline Hospital. The first Redding hospital was in a frame building standing where Glover's Garage is situated. Then it was moved to a frame dwelling where City Attorney W. D. Tillotson now lives and finally to the two stories Frisbie building on East street. November 15, 1906, the St. Caroline Association was formed and a two stories frame hospital building constructed. Two years later it was destroyed by fire and then the present structure was put up.

In those days the people had an idea only millionaires could have trained nurses, the doctor said. Persons waited until the last minute to go to hospitals and often did pass on. That added to the general impression that if you went to a hospital you would die, he said. The night before the hospital opened, backers of the institution were having a banquet. Suddenly they were interrupted by boys parading around the hospital singing a song: "The Butcher Shop Will Open Tomorrow."

Dr. Ferdinand Stabel, c. 1930, President of St. Caroline Hospital Association
(Courtesy Rose Trautz Brock)

Dr. Stabel lauded the public spirited citizens who financed Redding's first hospital, the only one at that time north of Sacramento.

In 1907, Dr. Stabel was appointed county physician. Conditions there were unbelievable. One patient, particularly, was in a deplorable state. To get action, Dr. Stabel took a member of the board of supervisors to see the old patient. The supervisor promptly fainted at what he saw.

All bedding was burned, walls hard plastered to get rid of the vermin and the hospital made a sanitary place.

THE SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, December 8, 1943

Dr. Ferdinand Stabel Dies—Dr. Ferdinand Stabel, 72, one of Redding and Shasta county's most prominent pioneers, died at St. Caroline hospital today.

He had been ill and confined to the hospital since March 1, 1934.

Dr. Stabel was a speaker before the Redding Rotary club that day, and collapsed with an attack of paralysis while speaking. He had been bedridden ever since.

Dr. Stabel was born at Rheinphalz, Bavaria, on Feb. 23, 1871. He came to the United States when a youth 17 years of age.

For a time he worked in a bakery at Chicago. Later he enlisted in the U.S. army. It was while he was in the army that Dr. Stabel learned English.

Studied After Hours—He told friends here that he would cover windows to his quarters in order that his light would not be detected after hours while he studied.

Dr. Stabel entered Cooper Medical college after finishing his time in the army, and graduated as a physician and surgeon in 1896. Cooper Medical college now is the Stanford school of medicine.

After graduating, Dr. Stabel practiced in Alaska for a short time.

In 1897 he moved to Redding and began practicing medicine here.

He was a member of the American Medical association and took an active part in the Shasta county and state medical associations. For a time he served as an official of the state medical association.

Before his illness he devoted many months of research in the University of California hospital laboratories toward an improved method of treating and curing tuberculosis.

First Health Officer—Dr. Stabel was Shasta county's first public health officer. He also served as county physician at the county hospital.

He married Miss Mabel Williams of Redding. She died in 1930.

Later Dr. Stabel returned to Germany for a visit and while there he married Miss Kathrina Aug in 1931.

She returned to Redding with Dr. Stabel and there were two children from this union. Marianna Stabel, who was 12 years of age today and Paul Stabel, 10. Both children are in a convent at Ukiah.

Dr. Stabel was instrumental in obtaining the construction of Highway 99, the first north-south highway in this area.

Built First Hospital—He built the first hospital here. It burned in 1910, and he then organized the construction of the present St. Caroline hospital. St. Caroline is operated by a corporation and Dr. Stabel was the chief stockholder.

He opened and owned the Redding Clinical laboratory, which is operated by Rose Brock.

At one time Dr. Stabel, Ferdinand Hurst and Richard Collins owned the *Courier—Free Press*. They later sold the newspaper.

Dr. Stabel was a charter member of the Redding Elks lodge and was a member of the Redding Rotary club.

Besides his children he leaves a sister, Sister M. Bonifacia, O. P. of the Mission of San Jose; a nephew, Dr. Albis Stable of Sacramento; and other relatives in Europe.

Services Friday—Father A. T. Gavin is to lead the rosary at Home Mortuary chapel at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Solemn requiem high mass is to be sung at St. Joseph's Catholic church at 10 a.m. Friday. Father Lawrence, O. P., is to be the celebrant, assisted by Father Gavin and Father Niall Harrington. Entombment is to be in St. Joseph's Catholic mausoleum.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, December 10, 1943**

Services Held For Dr. Stabel—Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's Catholic church this morning for Dr. Ferdinand Stabel, one of Redding's most prominent pioneers. The body was entombed in St. Joseph's mausoleum.

Dr. Stabel was Shasta county's first county health officer. He built the first hospital here, and at one time was a partner in the ownership of the *Courier—Free Press*.

He was an active leader in medical and civic affairs in Northern California until he became ill in 1934.

Frank Dobrowsky, A. F. Souza, jr., William Frank, Ferdinand Hurst, L. J. Kennedy and Dr. B. F. Saylor served as pallbearers. Home Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

SISTERS OF MERCY IN SHASTA COUNTY
by Sister Mary Dorothy Nealis, S.M.

This account of the Sisters of Mercy in Shasta County was gleaned mainly from three sources: *Mercy, Generation to Generation* (History of the First Century of the Sisters of Mercy, Diocese of Sacramento, California), recorded by Sister Mary Evangelist Morgan, S.M., Annals of the Redding Community, *The Sacramento Bee* and the *Redding Record-Searchlight*.

"The mills of God grind slowly." As early as 1857, the year in which the Sisters of Mercy from San Francisco established the Sacramento foundation, Archbishop Alemany had asked them to consider a foundation in Shasta County. Consequently, two Sisters did take a trip to this northern county, but decided that it would be inexpedient to found a convent here at that time.

Eighty-seven years passed. The Sisters were well established in Sacramento and in Auburn when the call from Shasta came once more. The *Sacramento Bee* of July 18, 1944, carried a quarter of a column headed "Shastans Act to Enable Nuns to Operate Hospital." The article informed the reader that the City of Redding had donated $2,500 and that the county was considering a $5,000 allocation toward a drive to get the Sisters of Mercy to take over St. Caroline Hospital. This hospital was operated by a group of doctors, among whom Dr. Ferdinand Stabel, then recently deceased, had held the bulk of the stock.

The Shasta County Medical Society and other interested citizens of Redding and the outlying areas immediately began to promote the movement. Finally, the St. Caroline Hospital on Pine Street was purchased by the Sisters for $30,000; $10,000 of the amount was collected by the citizens of Redding, while the $20,000 borrowed by the Sisters was eventually repaid. Then on October 12, 1944, during the Episcopacy of Bishop Robert Armstrong, the first four Sisters of Mercy came to Redding.

At first the Sisters resided in a small rented house near the hospital which was from then on known as Mercy Hospital. A room was set apart in the hospital for a chapel. The first year (1944-1945), in what was later often referred to as "Little Mercy," was a busy one which showed the great need for a larger and modern hospital. Its capacity was only forty-five beds and facilities were inadequate. Consequently, the search began for suitable property.

Early in 1947 a deposit was made on an eleven and one half acre tract, Clairmont Heights, in the southwestern section of the city. No more beautiful site could have been selected for the new Mercy Hospital which was then being planned—to the north rose Mt. Shasta, to the east Mt. Lassen, to the west Mt. Bally, and to the south stretched the great central valley with that "river of gold," the Sacramento, flowing through. Later, news of a partial Federal Grant (the Hill-Burton Act) furthered the project, so that on July 12, 1951, a groundbreaking ceremony was held and construction started soon afterwards.

Less than two years after coming to Redding, the Sisters realized, along with the clergy and local residents, that a grade school was needed in the community. Consequently, in August 1946 two Sisters came from Sacramento to prepare for the opening of St. Joseph Parochial School. Classes opened in the Parish Hall, in the lower level of the church on September 10, 1946. The first two grades were available with twenty-five children in the First and six in in the Second. As attendance rose to 130 pupils in the following year, faculty members were increased. In additon, the Sisters were involved in the local Religious Instruction Program (C.C.D.) and in the Summer Schools of Religion in Redding, Central Valley, Anderson, Mt. Shasta and Dunsmuir.

From the first, the inadequacy of the school quarters was evident. Finally, property was acquired for the new St. Joseph School at Gold and Walnut Streets where a groundbreaking ceremony took place on June 23, 1952. On the following April 17, 1953, the big move to the new school occurred. Pupils were dismissed at 1:00 p.m. and by 3:30 p.m. everything was out of the lower level quarters. By the following month, all classes had been well settled so that the Ceremony of Dedication of this splendid facility took place on the third of May. However, this was not the "last word." As time passed, further improvements were envisioned so that on December 2, 1962, the dedication of the adjoining multipurpose building was held. This so well planned addition supplied an auditorium-gymnasium, dining room, teachers' offices, etc. This auditorium served as a temporary chapel during the period between the destructive fire in the Court Street St. Joseph Church and the completion of the Gold and Walnut Streets St. Joseph Church.

On April 17, 1971, the 25th Anniversary of the beginning of St. Joseph Parochial School was fittingly celebrated by a Reunion Dinner held in the school auditorium which drew many from near and far—members of the clergy, parents, past and present teachers, graduates, students, and friends of the school.

For five years, until the convent on Clairmont Heights was ready for occupancy on March 25, 1953, both the school and hospital Sisters lived in the house next to the church on Court Street. This had been the rectory, the residence of the parish priests until their temporary move to the former Dozier Sanitarium on Placer Street.

The dedication of Mercy Hospital, which the Convent adjoined, took place on April 11, 1953. Bishop Armstrong, members of the clergy, local and visiting guests assembled outside for the 11 a.m. ceremony. In his address, Bishop Armstrong remarked, "This is the greatest thing that has happened in Redding since the Shasta Dam!" A tour of the hospital followed later. The patients were moved up from the Pine Street "Little Mercy" to the new Mercy Hospital on the hill. As in the case of the Parish School, this initial building plan was far from the last one. Long range planning has constantly resulted in steady improvements. Through a Ford Grant of $34,700, the initial Physio-Therapy Department was opened, but later it was expanded considerably through the assistance of the Dr. Michael J. Hamilton Memorial Fund.

The Pediatric Pavilion, filling a pressing need in children's care, became a reality in 1963. This separate unit in the foreground of the main hospital shares in all the facilities through a connecting passageway. An East Wing added to the main building in 1968 supplied a Cardiac Care Unit, new locations for Obstetrical Department, Pharmacy, Central Service, Cafeteria, Administrative Offices and increased the bed capacity from 113 to 164. Although excellent emergency care was always an aim, it was not until April 19, 1971, that Mercy Hospital was officially designated as the primary Emergency Care Center. The new road approaching the hospital was developed and opened in June, 1972.

Each year in March, a group of women usually referred to as the "Pink Ladies" celebrate the anniversary of their organization founded during the month in 1958. This is the Mercy Hospital Guild whose members give splendid volunteer service to the entire hospital.

Much planning preceded a new venture that began in the spring of 1964. The Sisters of Mercy were asked to take charge of the Sacred Heart Parochial School of Anderson that was then under construction. In September of that year, the first five grades were offered. Eventually the full eight grades were available. The Sisters teaching in this school shared the convent on Clairmont Heights, Redding, until September 1969 when the Anderson Parish procured a home at 7978 Riata Drive to serve as a residence for these Sisters. Later, in September 1971 the remaining school Sisters moved to a house at 2020 Olive Street which is near St. Joseph School. Provided by the parish, this became the third Mercy Convent in this north area.

Since the arrival of the Sisters in Shasta County, the pastors and associate pastors have celebrated the Eucharist in the convent chapel, visited in schools and the hospital and generously aided the Sisters in their Apostolates. Their kind assistance was somewhat lightened when, in the Spring of 1971, a resident chaplain was assigned to Mercy Hospital from the Passionist Fathers Monastery of Citrus Heights, California.

Few personal names have been mentioned in this sketch. The poet tells us that such names are written in the "Book of Life," namely those of so many without whose very generous help the Sisters' work, which is God's work, could not have prospered. In gratitude, the Sisters beg Him to bless them abundantly.

The Program for the Renewal of Religious Life, according to the recommendations of the Second Vatican Council, has been pursued by the total Community of the Sisters of Mercy (Administration Center and Noviciate at Auburn, California) and on the local community level in Shasta County. Alive to the present needs of the church, the Sisters strive to renew the spirit that gave birth to their congregation in the person of their beloved Foundress, Catherine McAuley, who devoted her personal talents and inherited fortune in merciful concern for the poor, sick, uneducated and, indeed, to any need calling for mercy. Her response was to an invitation to follow Christ as He lives in the Church, for, as the sainted Joan of Arc expressed it, "The Church is Jesus Christ." Christ has spoken assuring words: "He who seeks shall find."

Trustfully, the Sisters of Mercy will find, in the here and now and in days to come, ways of extending His reign in the hearts of all whom it is their privilege to serve.

NOTE: *This brief history was written by Sister Dorothy in 1972.*

Entrance to "Little Mercy" Hospital, 1944 (Courtesy Sisters of Mercy)

"LITTLE MERCY"

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, April 21, 1944

New Hospital Is Proposed—Redding may get a Catholic sisters' hospital and a Catholic grammar school as the result of a proposal presented to the Catholic Men's Service club today by Father A. T. Gavin.

Father Gavin said he feels the establishment of a Catholic school and hospital here should be the next objective of St. Joseph's parish, and named committees to study the possibilities for financing and building them and to attempt to determine this city's attitude toward obtaining such institutions.

Dr. C. C. Gerrard is chairman of the hospital committee, and members of his committee are John Reiser, Matt Twomey, M. G. Fitzgerald, J. P. Brennan, Richard L. Mallery, Steve Roycroft, and Joe Sauer.

Dr. J. M. Kehoe is chairman of the school study committee, and members of his committee are Mike Kassis, J. R. Shannon, Joseph Buchea, John Merlo, John Fitzpatrick, A. P. Robillard and Dan Coughlin.

"We practically have the sites for the hospital and school, " Father Gavin told members of the club.

He said that during the past 15 years the members of St. Joseph's parish have expended $100,000 in rebuilding a church, building a parish hall and nursery school, establishing a convent here and building a mausoleum and new cemetery.

Father Gavin plans to continue the development program here. Asked whether he considers the program post-war planning, Father Gavin said: "No. It is a pre-peace plan."

Under tentative plans the proposed hospital and the school would be run by the same order of nuns.

Both the school and hospital, should the plans materialize, would be open for use by Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

The members of the two committees are to hold their first meeting at Father Gavin's residence here at 7 p.m. Monday.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, June 2, 1944

Nuns Interested In Hospital Here—Nursing nuns of the order of the Sisters of Mercy inspected St. Caroline hospital here yesterday with the view of possibly purchasing the hospital and operating it.

The nuns are from Sacramento and operate the large Mercy hospital there. They are of the same order as the sisters who operate St. Elizabeth hospital in Red Bluff, but are from a different community.

Mother Mary Carmel, sister superior in charge of the community of nuns in Sacramento, headed the group of eight sisters visiting here yesterday.

Included in the group was Sister Mary Benignus, superintendent of Mercy hospital in Sacramento.

Six registered nurses were among the group of nuns, each a specialist in some field of hospital work and operation.

Mother Carmel said that she is unable at this time to determine whether the sisters will buy the hospital and operate it, but expressed interest in locating in Redding.

She said a decision would be forthcoming soon, and that Father A. T. Gavin, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church here, would be informed as soon as possible.

Father Gavin, members of the Catholic Men's Service club, Redding physicians and local officials and citizens have been studying plans for some time to induce the sisters to operate a hospital in Redding.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, June 2, 1944**

EDITORIAL–Sisters Of Mercy

All of Shasta county will be glad to hear that nuns of the nursing order, Sisters of Mercy, have come here to inspect St. Caroline hospital and to consider acquiring that institution.

Hospital facilities in Redding and Shasta county long have been inadequate; this is so widely recognized that several candidates in the recent city council contest mentioned among their objectives the improvement of hospital facilities here. One of them pointed out that besides being a safeguard for the health and safety of the residents of the community, a really good hospital is a business asset, for it brings people to the city from some distance. A homely example is the fact that many Shasta county residents go to Red Bluff for hospital care at St. Elizabeth's hospital, which is operated by the Sisters of Mercy, but a different house from the one considering Redding.

Everywhere a hospital is operated by the Sisters, it is recognized as "tops" in the community. The nuns themselves are registered nurses and provide the basic nursing, supervising and business staff. Since they do most of the work, accept only a meager living for themselves and seek no profit, they keep the cost of medical care at a minimum.

Their rules are liberal, but are strictly adhered to. They will not tolerate neglect of the patient by either nurse or doctor; they require the highest of medical ethics. They have a reputation for keeping surgical and other equipment complete and up to date. Most doctors regard it as a privilege to practice at such a hospital.

If Sisters of Mercy do decide to come to Redding, they are assured of the support and gratitude of the community.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 10, 1944**

Sisters Soon To Take Over St. Caroline–Sale of St. Caroline hospital to the Sisters of Mercy, nursing and teaching order of the Catholic church, will be consummated within a few days, it was indicated today, with the Ferdinand Stabel estate, major stockholder, granted court permission to consent to the sale.

Superior Judge Albert F. Ross yesterday approved a petition by L. J. Kennedy, attorney for the estate, asking permission to agree to the sale, which would be from the St. Caroline Sanitarium association to Mercy Hospital of Sacramento, a corporation. Dr. Stabel owned 14,958 of the outstanding 20,935 shares of stock, and his interest was valued at $29,935.

Other stockholders have agreed to the sale, the petition reported.

Mercy hospital and the St. Caroline stockholders have agreed upon the sale of the building, grounds, equipment and other assets.

It is expected that the transaction will be placed in escrow soon, with the Sisters of Mercy taking over operation of the hospital perhaps before the end of this week.

Individual donors of various faiths and creeds have contributed to a local fund to assist in the purchase of the institution.

Orr M. Chenoweth is representing the hospital association in the transaction. Sister M. Bonifacia and R. E. Collins are executors of the Dr. Stabel estate, with L. J. Kennedy as attorney.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, October 12, 1944**

Sisters Of Mercy Take Over Operation Of Hospital–The Catholic order of the Sisters of Mercy took over the ownership and operation of St. Caroline hospital effective at midnight last night, and have changed the name to Mercy hospital.

The sisters are from Mercy hospital in Sacramento, an independent unit of the order of the Sisters of Mercy. They operate the hospital in Sacramento and have a convent in Auburn.

Here in temporary charge of the hospital are Sister Mary Peter, vice president of the organization, Sister Mary Immaculate and Sister Mary Gerard.

All are registered nurses. Sister Peter is to serve as temporary superintendent here.

Sunday five other sisters are to come here from Sacramento to form the permanent staff of the hospital in Redding.

The funds for the purchase of the hospital are in escrow with the Shasta county title company, which is to clear the transaction.

The stock in St. Caroline Hospital association was purchased from the stockholders here for $29,935, of which about $22,000 is to go to the estate of Dr. Ferdinand Stabel, largest stockholder. Orr M. Chenoweth conducted the transaction for the stockholders, and L. J. Kennedy represented the Stabel estate.

Father A. T. Gavin and Father Niall Harrington of St. Joseph's church here assisted civic groups in the promotion of the plan to bring the sisters to Redding to operate the hospital.

"Little Mercy," Purchased by Sisters of Mercy in 1944 (Courtesy Sisters of Mercy)

Residents of the county contributed about $10,000 to the sisters to be used in purchasing the stock. The sisters have purchased equipment from the Shasta dam hospital for about $18,000 for use in Redding and Sacramento.

Sister Peter said all of the employes at the hospital are to be retained for the present. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, October 19, 1944**

Sister Mary Francis, One of Northern California's First Nurses, On Hospital Staff–Four sisters from Mercy hospital in Sacramento have come to Redding to operate Mercy hospital here (formerly St. Caroline hospital which the sisters have purchased) and a fifth is to come here to join the staff next week.

All of the sisters are graduate nurses, and recently have completed courses at the Sacramento hospital.

Sister Mary Francis is in charge of the convent here, and Sister Mary Therese is superintendent of the local hospital. She was surgical nurse at Mercy hospital in Sacramento before coming to Redding.

Sister Mary Augustine and Sister Mary Gerard also are on the local staff, and Sister Mary Berchmans is coming here soon.

Sister Mary Francis has a colorful career with the sisters of Mercy.

She came to Sacramento directly from Ireland in 1888, and four years ago celebrated her golden jubilee as a nun. . . .

The initial operations of the sisters here are under the supervision of Sister Mary Peter, who was superintendent of the hospital in Sacramento for a long time.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, October 26, 1944**

Mercy Hospital Visiting Hours Are Changed–The visiting hours at Mercy hospital have been changed under the management of the Sisters of Mercy. New visiting hours are from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.

Construction workmen are busy at the hospital reopening and improving the former entrance to the building on the southeast corner.

A small reception room, an office and a room for checking in patients are being arranged. The present office in the center of the building is to be made into a two-room ward.

A chapel has been added to the hospital, and mass is said at the hospital several times each week.

A new X-ray room has been completed, with new equipment installed. Other plans for immediate improvement of the hospital are under consideration.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, October 31, 1944**

Dr. Reardan, Mother Carmel Inspect Hospital–Dr. Frank Reardan, chief of staff at Mercy hospital in Sacramento, inspected Mercy hospital here while on a visit to Redding yesterday.

Dr. Reardan also visited with D. V. Saeltzer, an old friend, who is ill at his home here.

Also here to inspect progress at the hospital under the Sisters of Mercy, who took over operation of the institution recently, is Mother Mary Carmel, president of the community of sisters in charge of the hospital. They also run schools and convents at Sacramento and Auburn and the hospital at Sacramento.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, June 2, 1947**

Nuns Plan $300,000 Hospital–The Sisters of Mercy today announced it has purchased 11 acres south of Greenwood Heights as a site for a new hospital.

The land was purchased from Dudley Saeltzer through Joseph Sauer, local realtor.

Harry Devine, Sacramento architect, is drawing up the plans for the building, construction of which will begin as soon as material is available. A contour map of the project, which involves approximately $300,000 is being prepared by Clair Hill. . . .

The site commands a view of much of the Sacramento valley and Coast range as well as Mt. Shasta and Mt. Lassen.

Mercy hospital has been operated by the Sisters of Mercy since Oct. 12, 1944. From the very beginning, it has been unable to accommodate all the patients who apply for admission.

Sister Mary Joseph, superintendent, commended the doctors who have cooperated so faithfully in spite of the hospital's crowded quarters and limited facilities.

As soon as the proposed building is ready for use, the present site on Pine street will be sold.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, June 14, 1947**

Hospital Site Valued At $8,000–Eleven acres in the second Clairmont addition as a site for a new hospital planned by the Sisters of Mercy cost $8,000 according to a deed filed today in the county recorder's office.

Sellers were Rudolph A. Saeltzer, Dudley V. Saeltzer, Dorothea E. Sutton and Clifford R. Saeltzer who sold the land to the Mercy hospital of Sacramento.

The property, situated in southwest Redding, is bounded on the east by West street, on the north by Juno street and will include lots south of Angle street. Other streets in the land purchased are Marion avenue, Boardman avenue and Maple avenue.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, August 13, 1948**

Campaign Opens For Million Dollar Hospital Here–Mercy hospital will launch a public campaign to raise funds towards the erection of a new hospital with 100 beds.

Announcement of the campaign was made today by Charles M. Dicker, local merchant and general campaign chairman.

Dicker said that the new hospital will cost $1 million but the public will be asked to subscribe only half of the total building cost, because the general community's share in the new project will be matched, dollar for dollar by the Sisters of Mercy. . . .

Mercy Hospital will continue to serve all the people of this district who need hospital care, regardless of race, creed or color, and economic status, Dicker declared. Hospital records show that only 20.1 percent of the patients at Mercy hospital were of Catholic background.

Dicker said the executive campaign committee has already held many meetings to lay the ground-work for the hospital campaign. Heading up the executive committee are Charles M. Dicker, general campaign chairman; Sig. A. Kriegsman, jr., and Alfred Thies co-general chairmen; Alvin M. Cibula, George Fleharty and Mrs. Fern DeSoto secretary. Other residents will be asked to serve on this committee and their names will be announced next week.

Patients are accepted on full pay, part pay or charity basis according to their financial status. No one has ever been denied admission to Mercy hospital because of inability to pay. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, December 6, 1948**

Volunteer Workers–Women volunteer workers are assisting with the Mercy hospital fund raising campaign. They reported on pledges at a meeting in the Golden Eagle hotel Friday night. Among those present were Mrs. Christine Willey, Mrs. Alice Nielsen, Miss Wilhelmina Nock, Mrs. C. M. Dicker, Mrs. Ruth Smith, Mrs. William Banigan, Mrs. Sig Kriegsman, Jr. and Mrs. Robert Putnam.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, December 6, 1949**

$422,430 For Mercy Hospital—Redding's Mercy hospital project was granted $422,430 in federal funds by the state advisory hospital council, in session at San Francisco late yesterday.

The local hospital must, under terms of the grant, raise a similar sum within four months. It already has $250,000 in cash and pledges toward this goal. In addition, the Sisters of Mercy, who operate the hospital, will match the sums given separately by the government and the public. This would mean a project involving $1,267,290.

The federal funds granted yesterday provide for a 75-bed hospital. However, it was explained that, with the funds expected to be available, such necessities as a heating plant and necessary preliminary plumbing and equipment could be built. These would be sufficient for a 100-bed hospital, and an additional 25 beds would be provided through units to be added later.

C. M. Dicker, chairman of the Mercy hospital campaign committee, said today that the campaign started last year would be renewed so as to raise the $173,000 needed within the next four months. He was fully confident this can be done. And Sister Mary Joseph, administrator of the hospital, said that as a result of the state board's action yesterday, she would go ahead immediately with architects' plans for the building. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, January 5, 1950**

By-Laws For Mercy Hospital—The medical staff of Mercy hospital formally organized yesterday with the signing of the staff by-laws. Sister Mary Joseph, superintendent of the hospital, signed for the Sisters of Mercy, hospital administrators. Dr. H. T. Hinman, president and Dr. R. W. Thomas, secretary of the Shasta-Trinity Medical society, signed for the doctors on the staff. . . .

Groundbreaking for Mercy Hospital, A. B. Hood, C. Fred Smith, C. M. Dicker, Sr. Mary Elizabeth, Sr. Mary Joseph, Wilber D. Simons **(Courtesy Sisters of Mercy)**

Organization of the staff, said Chairman Charles M. Dicker of the hospital's building fund committee, "is certainly a big step forward in the constant effort to give patients better professional care. It provides the structure through which the doctors can prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct of the medical service and for the maintenance of its proficiency.

"Redding is to be congratulated upon the fine caliber of the physicians practicing here. Their knowledge and skill will be even more effectively available through staff cooperation, and when the new Mercy hospital is finally an accomplished fact it will provide the proper physical facilities so necessary for modern patient care."

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, January 6, 1950**

Sheehan Aids Hospital Drive—Ed Sheehan, local real estate-insurance man has accepted an assignment as director of the special gifts division of the continuation campaign for the Mercy Hospital building fund. Al Theis, co-chairman of the campaign, announced the appointment today.

Sheehan expects to devote all the time he can spare from his business during the next month to helping volunteer committee members get contributions for the new hospital. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, January 27, 1953**

Purity, Inc., Buys Old Mercy Hospital—Purity Stores, Inc., have bought the present site of Mercy hospital and will build a big new market building there as soon as the Sisters of Mercy can move into the new Mercy hospital building.

Carl A. Williams, real estate man who handled the transaction, said Purity paid, $60,000 for the property, which has 200 feet of frontage on Pine street and 140 feet of frontage on Sacramento street. The new building and fixtures are expected to cost about $125,000. The sale was started last May and completed last week, Williams said. . . .

The present hospital building will be torn down as soon as all patients and facilities have been moved into the new building, probably in March or April. Purity hopes to occupy its new building by December, Williams said.

This is the second major business development on Pine street to be announced recently. Anglo-California national bank has purchased property at Pine and Yuba streets and is having the building torn down to make way for a new bank building.

Entrance to Mercy Hospital, 1953 (Courtesy Sisters of Mercy)

DEDICATION OF MERCY HOSPITAL

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, April 10, 1953

Rites Set For New Hospital–A short dedication program is planned for the new Mercy hospital starting at 11 a.m. tomorrow, followed by open house for visiting by the general public during the afternoon.

Sen. Edwin Regan of Weaverville will be master of ceremonies for the dedication program. Speakers will include Gordon Cumming, chief of the hospital bureau of the state department of public health, and Dr. Louis Nash, president of the Shasta County Medical society, C. M. Dicker, chairman of the program arrangements, said today.

The most Rev. Bishop Robert Armstrong of the Diocese of Sacramento will lay the cornerstone during the program, and will make the formal dedication and consecration of the new Catholic hospital. He will be accompanied here by Msgr. Kirby from the chancery staff.

The Redding 20-30 club will have charge of ushering during the open house hours Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., Dicker said.

Because of the large crowd of visitors expected, parents are asked to accompany their children.

Following the two-day open house, final arrangements for moving the patients into the hospital will be made during the week, and patients will actually be moved from the old building to the new structure on April 18, Sister Mary Joseph, superior of the hospital, said today.

She said that full use of the new hospital is scheduled to start on Monday, April 20, when the first surgery and other medical work will start there.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Thursday, March 27, 1958

Women Organize Mercy Hospital Guild–A new organization, Mercy Hospital guild, has been formed by a group of nearly 100 Redding women. They will wear uniforms and will be known as "The Pink Ladies."

Sister Mary Perpetua, administrator of Mercy hospital, announces the organization of the guild by the local women who have formed the group of workers for the purpose of giving volunteer service to the hospital.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Thursday, February 5, 1959

Hospital Guild Gives Tea–Mercy Hospital guild, also known as the Pink Ladies, entertained a large crowd at a membership tea from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in the home of Mrs. R. G. Watt, 2736 Foothill boulevard.

The guild was organized a year ago to give help in many ways at the hospital.

Silver appointments and a centerpiece of pink camellias were chosen for the tea table. Mrs. S. B. Milisich, Mrs. George W. Johnstone, Mrs. Charles H. Dicker and Mrs. W. A. Banigan poured.

Mercy Hospital, Dedicated April 11, 1953 by Bishop Robert J. Armstrong (Courtesy Sisters of Mercy)

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, April 8, 1959**

Misto Tent–Holly Cessna, 5, a patient at Mercy hospital, talks with Mrs. Robert Mason, a Pink Lady, from the hospital's new oxygen tent. The tent was purchased from a memorial fund maintained by the hospital guild.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 19, 1959**

Barron Takes Over At Mercy–Sister Mary Perpetua, who has been administrator of Mercy hospital for the past four years, has been transferred to the convent of the Sisters of Mercy at Auburn.

Her duties have been assumed by Walter J. Barron, business manager of the hospital for the past 3½ years.

Barron came to Redding from Spokane where he was engaged in public relations work.

Mr. and Mrs. Barron recently returned from Salt Lake City where developments in hospital management were discussed. The meeting was conducted in a series of workshops over five days.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, July 8, 1959**

Medical Technicians Will Train At Mercy Hospital–By Judy Bailey.

A school of medical technology at Mercy hospital has been approved by the council on medical education and hospitals of the American Medical society.

It is the only school of its kind between Sacramento and Portland, Ore.

Dr. Phillip Flynn announced that Mercy hospital will accept two students.

Pre-requisite for trainees is a bachelor of science degree with four years of college. The student stays at the hospital for a year and is under the supervision of licensed board certified pathologists.

Dr. Flynn says that most applicants will have had their formal lectures out of the way, and lack only practical training that they can receive at a practicing hospital.

Applications are now being accepted at Mercy hospital. Trainees are to be paid $200 a month. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, November 7, 1959

Guild Entertains At Yule Show-Tea–The Mercy Hospital guild is holding its first annual Christmas Gift show and tea today at the hospital.

The occasion marks the formal opening of the Christmas gift season in the shop which is open to the public every day.

Ready for the first purchasers are gifts for every member of the family, such handmade specialties as Christmas tree skirts, decorated baskets, decorated Christmas trees, Christmas tree lights and ornaments and table decorations.

The tea table this afternoon is draped in lace over pink satin and accented with an arrangement of pink carnations. The party is being held in the doctors' lounge.

Presiding at the silver tea service are Mrs. O. J. Hansen, first president of the guild, which now is in its second year, and Mrs. Stephen Milisich, life member of the guild.

Mrs. Jack Shaver is tea chairman. Working with her are Mrs. Lee Fulton, Mrs. Louis Franchetti and Mrs. J. V. Deininger.

Sister Mary Andrew and Sister Mary Gerard, who represent the hospital at guild meetings are being honored as special guests with the other sisters of the hospital.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, March 5, 1960

Mercy Guild Picks Officers For 1960–Mrs. Ray Higgins was elected president of Mercy Hospital guild at a meeting in the doctors' lounge of the hospital Monday.

Mrs. Lee D. Fulton was chosen first vice president; Mrs. Louis Franchetti, second vice president; Mrs. George Voorhies, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Stewart, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Melvin Solberg, treasurer.

A new board of directors will be appointed by the executive board.

The guild now lists 103 members, both active and associate. At this second annual meeting, marking the beginning of the group's third year, it was announced that the Pink Ladies or guild members had logged 7145 volunteer hours in the hospital during 1959.

The 17 junior Pink Ladies or Peppermints gave 841 hours of their time during 1959.

Another announcement brought to light that three Red Cross classes in home nursing had been taught during the past year, and that another now is in session under Mrs. Julius Kehoe, guild member and president of the Red Cross board.

All these courses are taught by registered nurses.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, October 21, 1960

Mercy Hospital Accredited–Mercy hospital in Redding has won the approval of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals for the second time in the hospital's seven-year history.

A survey recently completed by Dr. Peter D. Ward of St. Paul, Minn., gives the hospital an accreditation rating for three years. The first accreditation was made about a year after the hospital opened in 1953.

The commission demands that an accredited hospital include an executive staff of physicians that keeps a strict jurisdiction over all doctors who perform surgery in the hospital, a medical records section, a medical library, pharmacy, dietician and registered nurses on duty at all times.

The accreditation was announced by Sister Mary Andrew, Mercy hospital administrator.

Members of the joint commission, with headquarters in Chicago, include the American Medical association and American College of Surgeons.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, January 7, 1961**

13 Sisters Named Mary—By Gail Delworth.

A family with 13 members named Mary. Confusing?

Not really, since the Mary is prefixed with Sister and coupled with another name. The family is the Catholic Order of Mercy, which has 13 nuns in its convent in Redding.

Sister Mary Andrew, administrator of Mercy hospital since October and superior of the convent since 1956, explained that all the sisters choose the name Mary. The patron of the order is Our Lady of Mercy, a title of the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus.

Of the eight sisters in the hospital, five are registered nurses and one is a pharmacist. The other five nuns, with lay teachers, teach the 300 children in St. Joseph's parochial school.

Each nun's daily routine is governed by community life and her duties in the hospital or school. The sisters rise at 4:55 a.m. and have 20 minutes to dress in their simple cells or rooms. They meet in the chapel at 5:15 a.m. for prayers. A priest from St. Joseph church says Mass each day.

The teaching nuns have breakfast at 6:45 a.m. and do convent housework before leaving for school. The other sisters check on their work in the hospital before eating.

The sisters may be anywhere in the hospital helping and supervising the work of the 30 nurses and the lay staff. There are 65 doctors affiliated with the hospital.

Two of the sisters, Sister Mary Michael and Sister Mary Loretta, do bookkeeping and accounting work.

Sister Mary Dorothy's assignment reflects the approach the sisters take to their work in the hospital. Although she is a qualified pharmacist, her duty is to visit the patients, especially the dying.

"It's a hard position to explain," Sister Mary Andrew said, "but many of the patients are depressed when they come here. Even when they won't talk to anyone else, they'll talk to Sister. She discusses anything from baseball to opera with them."

The other sisters are in some form of nursing work except Sister Mary Elizabeth, who is in charge of the supply department.

The nuns at the hospital have community prayer in the chapel at noon and eat lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. The sisters drop in the chapel during the day since they also have prayers which must be said individually.

At 5 p.m. the sisters meet in the chapel again for 45 minutes of prayer. Supper is at 5:45 p.m. followed by the recreation hour at 6:45 p.m.

The sisters then "enjoy talking more than anything" since silence is kept most of the time in the convent. "Besides, we're like a family and we don't see each other much during the day," the sister superior said. Other favorite activities are listening to music or watching news broadcasts and special events such as the political conventions on television. The set was donated when the hospital opened.

Night prayers are at 7:45 p.m. The teachers then study and prepare for their classes. The other sisters may visit the hospital. The nuns normally retire at 10 p.m.

. . . The average person can glance at the sisters' schedule—the early rising, regulated life and hours spent in chapel and on duty—and wonder what pleasures they have. But Sister Mary summed them up and explained the basic principle in a simple sentence.

"Ours is not a selfish life—it's anything but that—but that's why we're so happy."

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, January 18, 1961**

Walter Barron, Hospital Manager Retires— The man who came to Redding's Mercy hospital as a temporary administrator and decided to stay because he liked it so much retired this week.

Walter J. Barron, administrator and business manager at Mercy for five years, says Redding is his choice as a home.

"We've lived in 12 states and 17 cities," Barron says, "and we've decided to settle here."

Barron came to Redding "for three months" in 1955 as a troubleshooter for the hospital's administration. He remained as permanent administrator and later business manager.

He was a public relations man for a hospital consulting firm in Spokane, Wash., before he took the job at Mercy.

Barron retires after 50 years in public relations and administrative work. He was an aide in the American ambassador's office in Manchuria and Siberia after World War I and later worked for automobile companies and the Northern Pacific Railroad.

He says he and his wife, Sylvia, plan to "travel and take it easy," Although their home will remain at 2005 East street in Redding.

"I also hope to take an active part in civic affairs," Barron says. "There are many fine service clubs in Redding."

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, March 28, 1961**

Guild Buys New Anesthetic Equipment For Hospital–Mercy hospital surgery patients are being put to sleep with the aid of the latest equipment.

The hospital guild recently purchased a $1,200 anesthetic machine for the hospital. Mrs. George Voorhies, guild president, made the presentation to Sister Mary Andrew, hospital administrator, and Sister Mary Gerard.

Sister Mary Andrew explained that the new model can use any gas. A control gauge makes it possible to use a very fine percentage of gas. Old machines have required additions and new parts to adjust to some of the new anesthetics, she added.

Guild members, the Pink Ladies, have also started a photographic service for new babies born in the hospital. The service will be operated in conjunction with Reatha studios. The guild will get 25 per cent of the profit.

Guild members each spend six hours weekly at work in the hospital. They also take a 14-hour Red Cross course and two hours of hospital orientation.

There are 64 volunteer members, 24 associates and one life member. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 2, 1961**

Walter J. Barron, Ex-Hospital Aide, Dies–Walter J. Barron, who was returning to Redding from a six weeks' vacation trip to the middle west, had a heart attack on Friday which resulted in his death about 5 a.m. yesterday at a hospital in Stillwater, Okla.

Mrs. Barron, who was with her husband, telephoned the news to Redding's Mercy hospital where her husband had been administrator and business manager for five years before his retirement in January.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday at St. Luke's Catholic church in St. Paul, Minn. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 9, 1961**

Administrator Comes To Mercy–The sisters who run Mercy hospital greatly outnumber their one male administrator, Robert Stevenson, but he does not mind it a bit.

Stevenson, who replaced the late Walter Barron, says most hospitals are staffed with more women than men.

"The men you find in a hospital," explained Stevenson, "are usually only the doctors, engineers, porters, orderlies, pharmacist, chef and administrators. The nursing directors are almost always women."

Stevenson works with Sister Mary Andrew, head administrator, and runs the business office and personnel department.

He came to Redding from Sacramento, where he spent three years as administrative assistant at Sutter hospital in charge of personnel.

"It's unusual for a town the size of Redding to have the medical staff and hospital facilities it does," Stevenson says. "I think there's a more enjoyable relationship here because the hospital staff and community are smaller than a city such as Sacramento."

He graduated from Hastings, a Presbyterian college in Hastings, Nebr., where he studied business administration. He taught high school for a year, became office manager of a dairy in Hastings, then worked for a public power and irrigation district in central Nebraska before moving to California.

Stevenson is married and has several children. When they moved to Redding he brought along equipment for a complete work shop he uses for cabinet making.

"I've done toys, birdhouses and wagons," he said, "and after I've settled into my new job, I hope to have time to do more."

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, July 20, 1961**

Sister Mary Bernardine Takes Over At Hospital–Sister Mary Bernardine, a youthful-looking nun with a ready smile, is Mercy hospital's new administrator.

She has replaced Sister Mary Andrew, who has remained on the staff.

Sister Mary Bernardine received a master's degree in hospital administration from St. Louis university in June. She was stationed at St. John's hospital in Santa Monica while completing degree requirements.

Before that, Sister Bernardine was director of nurses at Mercy hospital in Sacramento, her home town, for six years.

She is helped by Robert Stephenson, who was appointed as assistant administrator in May.

Yesterday Sister Bernardine expressed enthusiasm for her new job and surprise at the growth rate.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, January 10, 1962**

Mercy Hospital Announces $2 Million Expansion Plan–A $2 million expansion program at Mercy hospital, including a pediatrics pavilion, a new obstetrical suite and increased surgical facilities, was announced today by Sister Mary Bernardine, Hospital administrator.

The expansion plan, which envisions a complete medical center, calls for development in four stages of construction. Planning has been under way since April 10, 1961.

When all the work's completed, the hospital's bed total will have risen from the present 94 to 200.

"It is an accepted premise, and it is reasonable to predict that Redding will become the focal point of medical care for the whole north Sacramento valley. We at Mercy hospital must assume leadership for providing this care," Sister Mary Bernardine said.

Dates for start of the construction have not been anounced. Cost estimates for the total development approximate $2 million.

First stage of the new construction will include building the pediatrics pavilion. It will contain 24 beds for children, play areas, an isolation area, waiting rooms and a centralized nursing station.

The second stage of construction calls for completion of the south end of the third story of the main hospital building into a new obstetrical suite. The old obstetrical suite will be remodeled into patient rooms.

Stage three includes building a new ancillary wing, which would contain a new surgical suite, a laboratory and x-ray departments. This wing also would house an auditorium, a doctors' lounge, the gift shop and supply and administration offices.

The fourth state of construction calls for erection of a three-story east wing and a sub-basement for additional beds. In the sub-basement would be the laundry, a new cafeteria and expanded physical therapy facilities.

The expansion plans were revealed to staff doctors last night at the hospital.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, March 17, 1962**

Pink Ladies Guild Of Mercy Hospital Is Four Years Old–Mercy Hospital Guild, "The Pink Ladies," four years old, celebrated the anniversary at the annual guild meeting.

The birthday marked a special celebration, the presentation to Sister Mary Bernardine, Mercy hospital administrator, of a check for $5,000. The presentation was made by Mrs. George Voorhies and Mrs. Dale Larrabee. . . .

Mrs. George Voorhies, the retiring president, presided at the meeting in which the following new officers were installed: Mrs. Dale Larrabee, president; Mrs. James V. Deininger, first vice president; Mrs. Louis Franchetti, second vice president; Mrs. Thomas Lisota, recording secretary; Mrs. Donald Alexander, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Nick Girimonte, treasurer.

Mrs. Voorhies commented that the guild has about 100 members, and worked approximately 6,000 hours in the past year. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, March 28, 1962**

Hospital Accredited–Mercy hospital in Redding once again appears on the list of hospitals accredited by a national commission.

The hospital has been accredited since 1955 by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, a group established by the American Medical association, the American College of Physicians, the American College of Surgeons and the American Hospital association.

Shasta county hospital and Memorial hospital in Redding are not accredited. Neither are any hospitals in Trinity and Siskiyou counties.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, April 28, 1962**

Mercy Hospital Guild Takes Pictures of Newborn Babies–Taking the pictures of newborn babies in Mercy hospital is one of the money-making projects of the hospital guild Pink Ladies.

The parents like it.

It's just another chore on the daily schedule of the Pink Ladies, plus an added two evenings a week.

The baby photography project was started March 13, 1961 with Della Franchetti, chairman, and Margaret Thompson, co-chairman.

Every morning a Pink Lady scrubs, dons a sterile gown, and a mask, then enters the nursery to take pictures of the newborn babies whose mothers have made requests.

The camera is stationary and the bassinets are rolled into position under the camera. The baby is handled only by the nurse.

Since the project was started, 321 babies have been photographed.

The charge for the pictures, one 5 x 7 and three wallet size, is $6. The pictures may also be used to have personalized birth announcements made or they may be reordered if more are desired, according to Mrs. Charlotte Alexander, publicity chairman. . . .

All of the profits from this new project will be used by the guild to furnish the new pediatrics pavilion which the guild has taken over as its project for the next several years. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, September 5, 1962**

EDITORIAL

New Pediatrics Pavilion Extends Sisters' Service–Northern California will gain an important facility for the medical care of children when Mercy hospital's new pediatrics pavilion is finished next spring.

Ground was broken for the pavilion, a $290,000 project, yesterday.

It will be round, and strongly reminiscent of a merry-go-round, to make "going to the hospital" as pleasant as possible for young patients. But the round shape is not just for entertainment or decoration; it lets an attendant in the center of the floor keep an eye on patients in rooms all around the rim. This leads to more service and lower cost.

The new pavilion by freeing space in the existing building, will make possible some improvements to the obstetrics and X-ray departments.

Sisters of Mercy, who had substantial community aid in financing the original construction of Mercy hospital, have undertaken this substantial enlargement on their own. The Sisters, who have dedicated their lives to serving mankind, are thus extending the range of their service.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, October 11, 1962**

Harvest Of Thorns, Authored By Priest, Benefits Hospital—Redding—A lesson in ecumenism is reflected in the production, Harvest of Thorns, which Mercy Hospital Guild will sponsor October 17-18 at the Bay Theater to raise funds for their $27,000 project of furnishing the new Pediatric Pavilion, now under construction at the hospital. The drama, which focuses on the character of Pontius Pilate, Roman judge who reluctantly ordered Christ's death, was authored by the hospital chaplain, Father John McDonnell, also assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

Playing a key role, Joseph, is the Rev. Galen H. Onstad of All Saints Episcopal Church here. And adding a further touch of the unity spirit is Robert Bowman, director of a Baptist church choir in Oakland, who portrays the role of Martinian.

Robert Winston, who has appeared in three productions of the Bridge Bay Summer Stock Theater this past season, will enact the title role of Pilate. Winston has appeared in a number of television shows, including the Dr. Kildare series, Playhouse 90, Maverick and Manhunt. He also plays in the movie, Heroes Die Young.

Directing the benefit production is Mrs. Muriel Duesel, who also will portray the wife of Pilate, Claudia.

Others in the cast include Devan Jackson as Memory; Don Morland, Samuel; Robert Smith, David; Herbert Eaton, Annas; Ed Sheehan, Caiphas; John Zauher, Benjamin.

Completing the cast are Carol Malek, Ian Dobbie, Richard Asbill and Jack Kennedy. James Dotta is stage manager.

Special music for Harvest of Thorns has been composed by Duane Hampton, an accomplished pianist. He recorded the score on an out-size German piano with 94 keys. The extra keys are in the base and Hampton uses them to add to the orchestral effect.

Curtain time both nights of the show will be 8:30 PM. Tickets are $3.75 and present sales indicate it will be a sell out.

Tickets can be obtained from guild members, at the Guild Hospital Shop, Eaton Emporium Drug Store, Thompson's and Girimonte's.

Lindsay's Variety Store in Anderson and Oser's in Chico also are handling sales.

Mrs. Louis Franchetti is guild chairman for the benefit production which will help complete Northern California's newest medical facility for children. The $280,000 pavilion is expected to be completed next spring.

Co-chairman are Mmes. John Murphy and Dale Larrabee. Other guild members serving on the project are Mmes. George Voorhies, Nick Girimonti, tickets and programs; Ira Shadwell, Don Alexander, publicity; R. Merrill and Miss Barbara Carr, telephone.

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, November 9, 1962**

Something To Smile Over—Mercy Hospital administrator Sister Mary Bernardine accepted a check for the amount of $1,846 from Mrs. Dale Larrabee which represented the proceeds from the play "Harvest of Thorns." The play, sponsored recently by

Mercy Hospital guild, of which Mrs. Larrabee is president, was one of the fund-raising events for the guild's pledge for the pediatrics pavilion under construction at Mercy hospital. Rev. John McDonnell, hospital chaplain, is author of "Harvest of Thorns."

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, February 2, 1963

Christine Willey, A Nurse For 45 Years, Has Retired—By Margaret Galloway.

Christine Willey, a registered nurse for 45 years—31 of those years in the Redding area, is looking forward to a life of ease.

She retired Friday.

This was her last day at Mercy Hospital where she had been on the job five days a week for 19 years.

"And I've loved every day and every year of my career," Mrs. Willey said as she took a few minutes out from her desk to chat.

Mercy Hospital "inherited" Mrs. Willey when the Sisters of Mercy bought the old St. Caroline Hospital in 1944.

She's been there ever since.

Mrs. Willey had been a nurse at the St. Caroline Hospital for 11 years. It was located where Purity Market now stands.

Since graduating from St. Mary's College of Nursing at San Francisco, she has worked in every phase of the nursing profession, including working in the business office and as supervisor of the nurses staff.

She has been purchasing agent at Mercy Hospital for 7 years.

"One has to be a wonderful nurse to stay on the job for 45 years—and Mrs. Willey is just that," Sister Mary Bernardine, administrator, said today.

Mrs. Willey has also been quite active in a number of organizations, the California Nurses Association, Tuberculosis Association, Red Cross, and has served as president of the Redding Business and Professional Women's Dinner Club.

Mrs. Willey is going to realize some cherished plans now that she has retired.

"First, I'm going to rest awhile," she said.

"Then I look forward to devoting some time to doing things that I haven't had time to do," she added.

"I'm going to enjoy my home and family that I've been sharing with my career for a long long, time," Mrs. Willey said. The family home is at 1772 Willis Street.

Her family is her husband, Albert Willey, a retired general building contractor; a son, Albert Jr., of Sparks, Nev.; a daughter, Mrs. Earl McAdams (Patricia) of LaMesa, and six grandchildren. Her daughter is also a registered nurse.

Mrs. Willey has been feted at a series of parties to celebrate her retirement. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, March 8, 1963

Festivity Marks Milestone For Mercy Guild's Pink Ladies—The Pink Ladies of Mercy Guild celebrated its fifth anniversary at the traditional birthday party given Tuesday by the Sisters of Mercy in the doctors' lounge of Mercy Hospital.

Pink ribbon streamers down the center of two white linen covered tables were strewn with pink and white camellias.

The guild celebrated a continuous growth of the organization.

Since the formation of the volunteer group, the Pink Ladies have given 32, 369 hours of service to Mercy Hospital. At the party, Sister Mary Bernardine, administrator, thanked the guild members for all their services.

One of the highlights of the party was the presentation of a check for $6,000 to Sister Mary Bernardine from the guild. Mrs. Dale Larrabee, the retiring president, made the presentation.

The money, Mrs. Larrabee said, is from accumulated funds and will be used to purchase equipment for the new pediatrics pavilion. It is estimated the new pavilion will cost $1,000 a room.

The membership was shown the child's size wheel chair purchased by the guild in memory of Eleanor Ghiglieri, a charter member, who died in November.

During a brief business meeting, the guild elected new officers for the year. Mrs. O. J. Hansen was elected president; Mrs. James V. Deininger, first vice president; Mrs. Weldon Oxley, second vice president; Mrs. Joelene Burk, recording secretary; Mrs. Donald R. Alexander, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ben Brooks, treasurer; and Mrs. Colby G. Smith, finance chairman.

Mercy Hospital, Aerial view showing old road and Pediatrics Pavilion which was dedicated June 29, 1963
(Courtesy Sisters of Mercy)

DEDICATION OF PEDIATRICS PAVILION

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, June 28, 1963**

Mercy Hospital To Open New $315,000 Pavilion–The new $315,000 pediatrics pavilion at Redding's Mercy Hospital will be dedicated in a short ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday.

An open house until 8 p.m. will enable the public to inspect the 24-bed children's unit, the most modern of its kind, according to hospital officials.

The building has a circular design allowing all rooms to be under constant supervision by a centrally located nurse's station. In addition to patients' rooms, the pavilion includes play areas, an isolation area, utility areas and parents' waiting rooms. It will be occupied immediately.

The new addition, the first stage of a "total development program" for the hospital, was designed by Architect Rex W. Allen of San Francisco, and built by William A. Drennan Co. of Oildale.

Three more stages of construction are called for in the master plan of the hospital's development program.

The second stage involves the completion of the south end of the third story of the main building as a new obstetrics unit, and the conversion of the obstetrics wing into patient rooms, raising the hospital's total bed capacity to 130.

In stage three of the development program a new auxiliary wing will be built which will hold a new enlarged surgical area, laboratory and X-ray departments, central supply rooms, an auditorium, a doctors' lounge, a Guild gift shop, general stores and an administration area. The new wing will be built to the west of the present main wing.

The areas vacated by the present surgery will be converted to an intensive care unit with room for additional beds. The areas formerly occupied by the X-ray and laboratory departments will be remodeled into out-patient and emergency departments. The total bed capacity at the end of this phase will be 141.

The fourth stage in construction will bring the bed total to about 200. It involves the construction of a three-story east wing and sub-basement plus a new cafeteria and expanded physical therapy facilities. The three upper floors will accommodate additional nursing units.

Hospital officials are also considering further development of the psychiatry and rehabilitation departments and of a nursing home.

The cost for the multi-phase development program has been estimated at about $2 million.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, March 7, 1964**

Mercy Hospital Guild Has Birthday Party, Election–Mercy Hospital auditorium was the setting for a gala social event Wednesday when the Sisters of Mercy gave a party

to celebrate the sixth birthday anniversary of the Pink Ladies of Mercy Guild.

Table decorations were pink camellias and pink candles in camellia holders and a huge white cake with "Happy 6th Birthday, God Bless you" inscribed across the top.

The Pink Ladies have given a total of 39,861 hours of service to the hospital during the six years. Last year's hours totaled 7, 501.

The guild presented a check for $6,100 to Sister Mary Bernardine, hospital administrator.

Part of the money will be used for the purchase of a new mimeograph machine for the hospital. The balance will be used for some small items needed by the hospital.

The party also marked the election of guild officers for 1964. Mrs. Louis Franchetti is the new president; Mrs. Paul Stathem, first vice president; Mrs. Robert W. Cowden, second vice president; Mrs. Charles Crowe, recording secretary; Mrs. R. G. Fischer, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Charles Jacobsen, treasurer.

Mrs. Franchetti will announce her committee chairmen for the new year at a later date.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, March 31, 1965**

Mercy Hospital Gets Another Check From The Pink Ladies–The Pink Ladies of the Mercy Hospital Guild has an annual custom of presenting a check to Mercy Hospital.

The check this year, made out in the amount of $7,400, was presented to Hospital Administrator Sister Mary Bernardine at a tea marking the seventh annual meeting of the guild.

The Sisters of Mercy Hospital honored the guild members at the afternoon tea last Thursday in the hospital auditorium.

The check presented last week was the guild's seventh contribution to the hospital. . . . Mrs. Louis Franchetti, president of Mercy Hospital Guild, presented the check to Sister Bernardine. . . .

Mrs. Paul Stathem was elected as the new president, along with Mrs. Robert W. Cowden, first vice president; Mrs. Robert Stewart, second vice president; Mrs. Charles Meyers, recording secretary; Mrs. Donald Stadille, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Lyle Jacobsen, treasurer. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, October 2, 1965**

Sisters of Mercy To Change Habit Style–By Gail Hayes

Probably the only women to ignore fashion designers whose whims dictate changing hemlines, necklines and dress lines from season to season are those in religious orders.

But after 133 years, styles of the habits of the Sisters of Mercy are changing.

"The purpose of the change is to modify, not to modernize. It is to adapt to present-day conditions of the sisters' work." explained Sister Mary Bernardine, administrator of Mercy Hospital in Redding and a member of the order.

The changes will not be evident among the sisters in Redding until after the first of the year, when the sisters hope a new religious garb will have been decided on by the superiors of the order.

Some changes have already taken place in the order in the Sacramento Diocese. When 17 postulates of the Mother House in Auburn were received as novices Aug. 15, they were invested in a new religious garb.

The style of the new garb, being tried for about six months so the sisters of the Auburn community can see how practical it is, is probably the one that will be adopted for the professed religious, Sister Mary Bernardine, said.

"The object is to simplify our present habits," said Sister Mary Bernardine, who emphasized that the habit will be kept dignified. She explained that the purpose of the

habit, and particularly a distinctive headpiece, is "to set aside a person as one who had dedicated her life to religion." She added: "We're in the Service of the Lord, so we wear a distinctive uniform. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, April 28, 1966**

Mercy Hospital Guild Makes An Annual Gift–Mercy Hospital Guild (the Pink Ladies) has carried out an annual custom. At a buffet dinner celebrating the guild's eighth birthday, a check made out for $7,500 was presented to Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Paul Stathem, president, presented the check to Sister Mary Bernardine, hospital administrator. . . .

Mrs. Charles Crowe was elected and installed president of the guild for the 1966-67 year.

Officers serving with Mrs. Crowe are Mrs. Girimonte, first vice president; Mrs. Grant Thompson, second vice president; Mrs. Lyle Jacobson, recording secretary; Mrs. Don Stadille, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Ray Perkins, treasurer.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 12, 1966**

Mercy Sisters 'Invade' Vocational Nursing Field–There is a new wave of white-habited Mercy Nuns in the nursing department at Sacramento City College. The latest group of Sisters, six in all, have a different goal than is customary for members of their community. Their sights are pointed towards becoming Licensed Vocational Nurses.

Along with all members of the nursing and medical fields, they are observing National Hospital Week, May 8-14.

Mother Mary Teresita, SM, mother general of the Mercy Order, explains that the six Religious are "anxious to become more closely involved with working directly with the sick, one of the principal works of Mercy."

In the past, Sisters of Mercy have been equated with the registered nursing program, and many of them are working toward this goal. However, this LVN pilot group will never become involved in supervisory or administrative posts, which would take them away from the patient's bedside.

Miss Lena Visintainer, RN, who is director of the LVN Department at City College, explains that the role of the Licensed Vocational Nurse is to work as a team, always under the direct supervision of a doctor or registered nurse.

The six Mercy Religious enrolled in the program are Sisters M. Alice, M. Caritas, M. Consilia, M. Martha, M. Matthias, and M. Philomene. . . .

Two of the young women were queried on their progress to date in the LVN program, Sister M. Alice and Sister M. Matthias.

The former, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Spohn of Redding, where she graduated from Shasta High School, had her first taste of the nursing field when she worked as a nurses' aide at Redding's Mercy Hospital before entering religious life.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 12, 1966**

Redding Considers New Wing Proposal–This community, located in the second fastest growing county in the State of California, is faced with a "serious crisis" in providing needed hospital beds, according to the administrator of Mercy Hospital, Sister M. Bernardine, SM.

To help alleviate the critical shortage of bed space, earlier this month the governing board of the Sisters of Mercy, meeting with lay leaders of the area, assured them every effort will be made to add a new wing to the hospital, which would result in the addition of 40 more beds.

Sister Bernardine reports, "The medical staff and the hospital's lay advisory board have pledged support to any building program that we will launch. Consequently, with this assurance, the Sisters of Mercy now are investigating costs with the hospital architect, Rex Whittaker Allen, so we have some definitive facts to work within our future

planning."

Preliminary plans would call for the addition of an East Wing, with two stories of 20 beds each completed and a third floor roughed in for future expansion.

To emphasize the seriousness of the hospital bed situation in Redding, Sister Bernardine discloses that the present occupancy rate for the first floor (medical) is 104 per cent; second floor (surgery) 103 per cent; and maternity, 70 per cent.

This past year, the doctors' locker room was moved to a different area and this made space for the addition of another operating room.

Vonnie Dunston, MD, is president of the hospital's medical staff, and serves as chief of staff for Mercy. Michael Hamilton, MD, is president elect, and Rush Blodget, MD, is secretary-treasurer. Dell Gray, MD, serves as chairman of the executive committee.

Heading the Lay Advisory Board, comprised of leaders in the business community, is Robert W. Cowden, city manager of Redding. Paul C. Bodenhamer, editor of the *Record–Searchlight* daily newspaper, is vice president, and David W. Packard is secretary.

Other board members, representatives of various trades and industry in Shasta County, are Rudy V. Balma, Virgil Covington, William Main, Douglas N. McClary, W. S. Price, John Reiser, Sr., Paul W. Stathem, Alfred L. Theis, Reese A. Thomas, Grant Thompson, Al D. Wilkinson, and Robert A. Woods.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, October 17, 1966**

Children Enjoy New Habits—By David Bennett

There's a new look at the St. Joseph Parish School in Redding and the children there like it.

Last week the sisters teaching at St. Joseph shed the conventional dress of Catholic nuns and donned new habits. The church-approved clothing is shorter in length, shapelier and according to the sisters "much more comfortable." Another change is the dark navy blue color.

The old style veil has been replaced by a shorter one and a band of white across the forehead leaves more of the face bare.

The first appearence of the sisters in their new attire drew cries of awe and wonder from their pupils—especially the younger ones. Most of the children approve of the new habits, but some aren't sure just why.

In the first grade class, comments went like this:

"I like the new blue and white part because I like blue and white," said Lisa Boudreau.

Timmy Whitmore said, "I like them cause they are prettier . . . it's a real good idea."

Young Stephen Williams drew attention to the new headpiece with "the veil sort of blends with the hair."

Second grader Patty Derrah's impression was that of improved mobility. "Now they can play hopscotch with us better. I miss the long veil though."

Seventh grade comments were more sophisticated.

"They make the sisters look younger and I like that," said Jerry Aguiar.

"You can see what the sisters really look like now," Cindy Dabrowski said.

Several of the youngsters voiced opinions about the design, even though they approved the change.

"I think they should have had a longer band of white at the head," said Mike Livingston, another potential designer, Marian Whitney, said "I like them but still don't think they have enough color."

Perhaps the feeling of all the children were summed up by Chuck Dingham. "I like the new habits. They made them (the sisters) look like regular people."

The children aren't the only ones pleased with the new clothing. "The habits are much more comfortable than the old ones and are simply designed," Sister Mary Robert, school principal, said.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, December 3, 1966

Antenna May Save Lives—A 20-foot-high citizens band radio antenna atop Mercy Hospital may one day prove to be a lifesaver.

It was put there recently by North Valley Citizens Band Radio Club to provide speedy and adequate communication from scenes of disaster or emergency—where there could be mass casualties—to the hospital.

In case of an emergency a transistor power-pack citizens' band radio in a mobile unit could be used to communicate with a club member who would operate the radio at the hospital. This type of radio can be useful because it has its own power supply.

The club proposes to erect similar antennas atop Memorial Hospital and Shasta County Hospital this winter, providing a direct line of communication between the three hospitals. Mercy Hospital will be the primary link in the communication system because of the blood bank located there.

If an accident should involve a number of injuries, a club member at the scene would be able to assist in routing ambulances to the hospitals having space for the injured.

Several ambulances in Redding are equipped with citizen band radios, and the ambulance attendants would be able to keep in touch with the hospitals.

CATHOLIC HERALD Thursday, May 11, 1967

Redding Bid Opening Sets Stage For Mercy Expansion—In line with the Sisters of Mercy commitment to continuously update and extend hospital facilities to keep abreast of need in the areas they serve, Mercy Hospital atop Claremont Heights is in the midst of a building expansion program.

On May 18, a bid opening will be held at 2 PM at the hospital preparatory to awarding a contract for a new East Wing and the extension of the present radiological department and renovation of the existing x-ray department.

"This act brings us one step closer to easing our very crowded conditions and the realization of a lot of planning and hard work which began over a year ago," states Sister Mary Bernardine, SM, hospital administrator.

Present estimates for construction and equipment expect to exceed $1,250,000, while adding 62 more patient beds and a five bed recovery room. It will take 10 months to build.

In spite of the fact the Mercy Order is already deeply indebted as the result of expansion programs in the Sacramento Area, Sister Bernardine notes, surveying the local projected plans, that "We have to provide for the needs of the area. If we aren't going to meet these needs, we have no business running a hospital. We would be failing in our responsibility not to go ahead with our Redding commitment in view of the severe shortage of hospital beds here at Mercy."

Last year, the hospital was forced to place 700 patients in hall beds and present projections show this figure will possibly go higher in 1967.

Robert F. Stephenson, associate administrator, is in charge of the building program and plans for the new additions have been drawn up by Rex Whitaker Allen and Associates from San Francisco.

According to Stephenson, the new wing will include three patient floors and a basement. The latter area will contain dining facilities, in-patient pharmacy, and an expanded central supply. The three floors above will contain patient bed area, including a coronary care unit and recovery room. Patient rooms will be semi-private two-bed rooms.

Presently, a civic fund drive which has a goal of $415,00, is being reactivated. Last July, it opened under the general chairmanship of Alfred D. Wilkinson, general manager of Kimberly-Clark Corporation, and Rudy V. Balma, owner of McDonald's Chapel. By Labor Day, when it came to a halt so as not to interfere with the Shasta County United Crusade, $251,000 had been pledged, accounting for approximately 60 per cent of goal.

Although the drive has not been active since last September, pledges have continued to come in and pledges now total $323,508.

"Every effort will be made to bring the drive to a successful conclusion by the time construction commences," said Wilkinson. He indicated that many prospective donors have not yet been contacted and the organization to accomplish this has now started to move again.

The drive is being supported by the Hospital Lay Advisory Board, under the newly elected president, Paul Bodenhamer.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 11, 1967**

New Program—Redding—Continuing updating of personnel skills at Mercy Hospital have been inaugurated with a full time In-Service Education program, encompassing all departments. Miss G. Sammon, RN, is director of In-Service.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 11, 1967**

Intensive Coronary Care Unit Added To Redding Hospital—A new Coronary Care unit at Mercy Hospital is affording heart patients a better than ever chance of successful recovery as a result of newly developed equipment.

The four-bed intensive coronary care unit has each patient connected to a cardiac monitor, an oscilloscope, which shows the rhythm of the heart beat.

The monitors in turn are hooked up to the central alarm station, staffed by nursing personnel who have received specialized training in actual defibrillation, which is an electric shock which restores a normal heart beat.

If something goes wrong with the heart, it triggers an EKG machine which immediately starts a cardiogram record.

In the meantime, the alarm alerts the nursing station, where a nurse in turn can contact the physician in charge. By the time he arrives, the EKG results allow him to make a precise diagnosis as to what has happened to his patient and how to treat the condition.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 11, 1967**

Guild Presents $6,100 To Hospital—Redding—Mercy Hospital Guild recently turned over a check for $6,100 to Sister Mary Bernardine, SM, hospital administrator, at the annual buffet dinner given by the Mercy Order to honor guild members.

Mrs. Charles Crowe, retiring president, made the presentation and reported that during the past year, volunteer hours totaled 7,683. Guild funds were earned by hospital Gift Shop sales and the annual Christmas tea.

During the evening, Sister Bernardine presented a gold pin to Mrs. Walter Barron, honorary guild member, in recognition of her years of dedicated service to the hospital.

Mrs. Donald Stadille heads the slate of newly installed officers for the coming year. Serving with her are Mmes. Robert Sass, president elect; Lyle Jacobsen, first vice president; Ray Dougherty, recording secretary; Ralph Hollinger, corresponding secretary; and Noel Silva, treasurer.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, June 8, 1967**

Start—Sister Bernardine, administrator of Mercy Hospital, turned the first shovelful of earth yesterday to signal start of construction of a $970,000 new wing. Mayor

George Moty of Redding, Dr. Rush M. Blodget, Jr., chief of staff of the hospital, Supervisor John Perez, and James Bingham, vice mayor of Anderson, also participated.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, September 30, 1967**

Nursing Sister To Begin Postgraduate Study– . . .Sister Mary Dolorita came to California from Ireland in 1954, and after training as a nurse she came to Redding in 1962. For three years she was the head nurse on the surgical floor at Mercy Hospital, and for the past two years she has been director of nurses.

Next week Sister Mary Dolorita is to leave Redding.

She is being transferred to Mercy Hospital in Sacramento, where she will also be director of nurses. Replacing her here will be Sister Mary Michael, director of nurses at the Sacramento hospital.

Sister Mary Dolorita is no stranger to Sacramento's Mercy Hospital, for it was from that hospital that she was transferred to Redding.

Sister Mary Dolorita's return to Sacramento will allow her to attend Sacramento State College for post graduate study. All of her education since she was graduated from a County Cork high school in 1954 has been in California.

She took liberal arts courses for two years while in novitiate training at the mother house in Auburn, where she studied "the ways of the Sisters of Mercy," she said.

Then she attended St. Mary's College of Nursing in San Francisco, where she was certified as a registered nurse. She received her bachelor of science degree in nursing at the University of San Francisco, a Catholic university. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, May 8, 1968**

New Heart Facility To Save Lives At Mercy Hospital–By Wes Hughes.

Thirty to 40 lives may be saved in Redding during the next year that otherwise might have been lost.

For the most part, they will be lives of husbands and fathers–the family bread-winners.

It's the kind of life insurance a man can't buy.

The lifesaver will be a cardiac care unit that is to go into service Thursday in the new wing at Mercy Hospital. It will be manned by specially trained nurses every second of the day, every day of the week.

Heart attack victims will be kept in the special four-bed unit during the approximately week-long danger period following an attack.

The patients' conditions will be constantly monitored by electronic equipment designed to detect the slightest changes.

The new unit is the only one of its type north of Sacramento. But its use is becoming increasingly widespread.

The use began in 1962 in large medical centers.

As one local physician put it: "They were started because people that have heart attacks die."

. . . The specially trained nurse in the cardiac unit will spend most of her time at a console monitoring constant electrocardiograms on a special scanner. . . .

The unit also is equipped with hydraulically operated beds, electronic pacemakers for maintaining regular heart beats, individual oscilloscopes over each of the patients' beds, oxygen and suction at each bedside, as well as a kit of acute emergency drugs at each patient station.

A medical spokesman said the unit in essence has three things: Good architectural design, good architectural equipment and well trained nurses.

Dr. Thomas Fowler is the hospital's staff physician coordinator for the unit. He said it would have been unattainable without the new hospital wing.

Although the new wing is not yet completed, occupancy of the first floor already has begun.

Construction crewmen still are on the job on the basement, second and third floors. When it is finished late next month, the new wing will add 51 hospital beds at Mercy.

Sister Mary Bernardine, administrator of the hospital, said an open house will be held after the wing is completed.

CATHOLIC HERALD Thursday, May 16, 1968

Guild's Gift—Redding—Mercy Guild, a group of volunteers serving Mercy Hospital here, marked its 10th anniversary this spring by presenting the hospital with its largest gift to date, $8,500. Mrs. Robert Sass is guild president.

Mercy Hospital. East Wing dedicated July 13, 1968 by Msgr. Thomas H. Markham

(Photo by Richard Robertson)

DEDICATION OF EAST WING

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, July 9, 1968**

New Hospital Wing Will Be Dedicated—A cardiac care unit already credited with saving the lives of at least two heart attack victims is part of a $1.4 million addition to Mercy Hospital which will be dedicated at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The addition, a four-story east wing, adds 62 patient beds, new nurseries, and expanded X-ray department, a new pharmacy and other facilities. Most of the facilities will not be occupied until after the dedication ceremony and an open house that will continue until 4 p.m.

But the cardiac unit was put into use May 9, with its electronic equipment monitoring the heart action of as many as four patients. It has cared for 28 patients. In two cases in the first month, says Dr. Thomas W. Fowler, director of the cardiac unit, the equipment detected abnormal heart rhythms in time for doctors to give immediate aid, "without which I'm satisfied they would have died."

Sister Mary Bernardine, administrator of the hospital, has invited the public to attend the dedication and tour the new addition. Participating in the ceremony will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas H. Markham, diocesan director of hospitals; the Rev. Noble Streeter of Redding First Presbyterian Church; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Connor, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church; Dr. Dell M. Gray, representative of the medical staff; and Rudy V. Balma and A. D. Wilkinson, president and vice president of the hospital's lay advisory board. Balma and Wilkinson were co-chairmen of the campaign in which doctors and the lay public contributed $380,000 toward the hospital expansion.

Even as workmen were finishing up the new unit, the hospital administration received word Monday that it has been allocated $62,833 in federal funds toward the cost of another 26-bed extended care unit to be built next spring and summer.

The present Mercy Hospital opened in 1953 with 75 beds. Ten years later it added a unique circular pediatrics pavilion which added 24 beds. The newest addition gives the hospital a capacity of 164.

Sisters of Mercy, who operate the hospital, came to Redding in 1944, purchasing the old 48-bed St. Caroline Hospital, which despite its name was privately owned and not church-connected.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, July 11, 1968**

Mercy Nuns Reelect General—Auburn—Mother Mary Teresita Durkan, SM, was reelected last week to serve another six year term as mother general of the Sisters of Mercy.

The election was held at the order's motherhouse here in conjunction with the general chapter which began on June 22 and is expected to continue into August.

Elected to six year terms on the general council were: Sister Mary Loyola MacDonald, Sister Mary Oliver Farrell, Sister Mary Celestine Dyer and Sister Mary St. John Hall.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 15, 1969**

Redding Guild Lends Hospital Support—Mrs. Ray Dougherty is the new president of Mercy Hospital Guild, succeeding Mrs. Robert Sass. At the annual birthday party of the organization, a check for $9,500 was presented to Sister Mary Bernardine, SM, hospital administrator.

"We have not yet determined how the funds will be spent this year," explains Sister Bernardine. "However last year's gift, in the amount of $8,500, was used to purchase an EEG Machine. . . .

Serving with Mrs. Dougherty this year are Mmes. Louis Wilson, president-elect; William Siemering, vice president; Betty Conyne, corresponding secretary; Frank Pernay, recording secretary; and Joe Caporusso, treasurer. . . .

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, June 26, 1969**

Hamilton Memorial Ready For Patients—Redding—The Michael Hamilton Memorial Physical Therapy Department at Mercy Hospital opened this past Monday, a permanent tribute to the late Dr. Hamilton, who fell to his death in March, 1967, while climbing Mt. Whitney.

Last week, a special dedicatory ceremony took place in the department at which time a portrait of the well known orthopedic surgeon was installed along with a memorial plaque.

Special guests at a dedication luncheon included Dr. Hamilton's widow, Joann, and their children, Catherine, Mark, Mary, Patrick, Karen, Nancy, Barbara, Charlotte, Thomas and his fiancee, Clara Craig.

Also present were members of the Michael Hamilton Foundation, organized by Dr. Eugene Padel, a close friend and professional associate, to create a permanent memorial to Dr. Hamilton.

Foundation members include Doctors Padel, Eugene Nutley, Vernon Gee, Rush Blodget, Dell Gray, Sister Mary Bernardine, SM, William Weiland and R. F. Stephenson.

Participating in the ceremonies were A. D. Wilkinson, vice president of the hospital's Lay Advisory Board; Mrs. Ray Dougherty, president of Mercy Guild; and Ray Walters, hospital physical therapist.

The new Physical Therapy unit, located on the third floor of the hospital, contains three treatment booths, two whirlpool rooms and an exercise room. The service provided in the new unit, according to Dr. Padel, is a decided improvement in patient care and a project that "Mike was very much interested in."

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, September 10, 1969**

Mercy Administrator Is Leaving Her Post—Sister Mary Bernardine, Mercy Hospital's administrator since 1961, is leaving her post on Friday.

She is taking a one-year leave of absence but does not plan at the end of the year to return to her job at Mercy Hospital. Associate administrator R. F. Stephenson said her future plans are not definite.

The job has been offered to him by the hospital's governing board, Stephenson said, but he has not decided yet whether to accept it on a permanent basis. Meantime he will be acting administrator.

Sister Mary Bernardine will leave Friday afternoon for a trip East which will include visits in Chicago and Washington, D.C. She plans to return to Redding briefly about Oct. 1.

During her time as Mercy administrator the hospital has grown considerably in size and services. The pediatrics pavilion and a new east wing have been added to increase bed capacity from 93 to 164 beds.

Sister Mary Bernardine was instrumental in the formation of a lay advisory board in 1961 in an effort to make the public aware of the hospital's goals and purposes and to enlist public support and aid in its operation.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, October 23, 1969**

Mercy Hospital Changes–Robert F. Stephenson, associate administrator of Mercy Hospital since 1961, has officially accepted the post of hospital administrator offered him when a former administrator resigned in September.

The Stephenson job acceptance was announced by the hospital's governing board at the same time the board told of a major change in hospital organization.

A new board of directors will be established next Jan. 1 with community membership as well as representation from the Sisters of Mercy, the Catholic order which operates the hospital.

Mother Mary Teresita, president of the hospital governing board, announced that the new board will operate with a high degree of autonomy within specific guidelines, consistent with the objectives of the order.

It will be accountable to the general council of the Sisters of Mercy. Ownership of the hospital will remain in the name of the order.

The move to a board with layman representation has been under consideration for some time by representatives of the hospital's lay advisory board, the Sisters' general council, the hospital administration and legal counsel.

"The increasing complexity of hospital affairs makes it necessary to insure prompt action on policy matters and to assure local involvement in fulfilling community needs," a press release said.

"The Sisters have long felt a need for closer identity with the community. The lay advisory board, organized in 1962, has been of tremendous value and assistance in this regard, and it is expected that this group will continue to be a valuable adjunct to the local board."

The initial board will consist of seven members, four from the Redding community. They are Rudy V. Balma, current president of the lay advisory board; A. D. Wilkinson, Dr. Vonnie Dunston and Stephenson. Sisters who will serve on the board are Sister Mary Celestine Dyer, Sister Eileen Barrett and Sister Mary St. John Hall.

Stephenson was offered the job of administrator when former administrator Sister Mary Bernardine resigned in early September. His official acceptance was announced Wednesday.

Stephenson, who had been associate administrator since 1961 except a year when he served as controller and assistant director of the order's three hospital facilities, received a degree in business administration in Nebraska.

He taught school there for a short time before moving to California in 1956 where he was employed by the Sutter Community Hospitals in Sacramento until he moved to Redding in 1961.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, April 2, 1970**

Mrs. Nick Girimonte, of the Pink Ladies of Mercy Hospital Guild, was honored and presented a pin for having devoted 4,000 hours of volunteer work at the hospital at a dinner given Tuesday by the Sisters of Mercy Hospital. Presenting the award, the first time it has been given during the 12 years of guild activities, was Mrs. Ray Dougherty, outgoing president of the guild.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 14, 1970**

New System Now Governs Hospital—Redding—A melding of representatives of the local community and Sisters of Mercy, under the title board of directors of the Mercy Hospital of Redding, Inc. has been managing the affairs of the facility atop Clairmont Heights since January 1 of this year.

Headed by Alfred D. Wilkinson, vice president and general manager of Kimberly-Clark, Corp., as chairman, the board includes Sister Mary Celestine Dyer, SM, vice chairman; Robert F. Stephenson, hospital administrator, who is secretary-treasurer; Sister Mary St. John Hall, SM, Sister Eileen Barrett, SM, Rudy V. Balma, owner of McDonald's Mortuary Chapel; and Vonnie Dunston, MD, currently in private general practice and former medical director of Shasta General Hospital.

The board operates with a high degree of autonomy within specific guidelines, consistent with objectives established by the Mercy Sisters and accountable to the General Council of the order. Ownership of the facility continues to remain in the name of the Sisters of Mercy.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 14, 1970**

Redding Guild—Members of Redding's Mercy Hospital Guild, volunteer arm of the medical facility on Clairmont Heights, have had a busy year. The guild turned over $10,000 this spring, profits from various fund raising activities, to help defray part of the cost of $20,000 for a new Vacamatic steam autoclave. Mrs. Louis Wilson is the new president of the guild.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, September 8, 1970**

Hospital Director Has Resigned—Robert F. Stephenson, chief administrator at Mercy Hospital, has resigned to go into the real estate business.

He will be replaced by Sister Eileen Barrett, who is currently chief administrator at Mercy San Juan Hospital in Carmichael.

Sister Barrett is expected to report for duty here Sept. 14. Stephenson, who plans to join the firm of Shascade Realty in Redding, will be available to her on a consultative basis until the end of the year.

Stephenson, who wasn't available for comment today, announced his resignation at a Sept. 4 meeting of the Mercy Hospital Board.

At the same meeting, Rudy V. Balma was elected chairman of the seven-member board to replace the late A. D. Wilkinson.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, March 27, 1971**

A check for $16,000 was presented to Mercy Hospital administrator Sister Eileen Barrett by Mercy Guild president, Mrs. Louis Wilson at the guild's 13th annual birthday and installation dinner Thursday in the Mercy Hospital auditorium.

The money will be used toward the development of an intensive care unit for newborn infants. The new facility will be the only one of its kind in this area and will serve all of Northern California.

In addition to the $16,000 raised for the hospital during the past year, the guild also gave a $1,000 scholarship to the Shasta College student nursing program and $1,000 to Redding's Agape Awareness House.

These donations were made possible through profits made on the Duke Ellington Concert sponsored last September by Mercy Guild and by the Mercy Hospital gift shop and baby photo sales.

New guild officers for the 1971-72 year are president, Mrs. Louis Wilson; president-elect, Mrs. Robert Sass; vice-president, Mrs. Vincent D'Amato; treasurer, Mrs. Hurley George; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Bill Siemering; and recording secretary, Mrs. Ross Womack.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, April 14, 1971

Mercy Hospital's 'Public' Nature—When it comes to deciding where to locate an emergency care center, the criterion should not be who's going to make some money from it, but which place will best serve the people who have injuries, heart attacks and other conditions needing immediate, expert care.

The unit for Redding needs to be adjacent to a hospital, for obvious reasons. There are three hospitals to be considered, and each has its adherents with either a financial interest or an emotional loyalty. Each group can make out a plausible case for its favorite.

The recommendation of Mercy Hospital apparently took into consideration all of the factors, and what weighed most in its favor was the quality of its equipment and the skills of its staff, plus the fact that many of the doctors who would be called in emergencies have offices reasonably close to it.

To urge the Shasta County General Hospital instead because it is "publicly owned" is to overlook the "public" aspect of Mercy. Public contributions helped build the hospital and helped expand it. The Sisters of Mercy, besides serving personally in the hospital operation, borrowed money to go along with the public contributions in building the institution. It has been the pace setter, the standard bearer in quality medical care. It is operated not for profit but for the public good. It will incur some financial obligations if the emergency care unit is established there. Whether in the end it will benefit financially remains to be seen. But you can be sure that everything it gains will be put to public use in the form of better health care.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, April 21, 1971

Care Center Has A Site But Must Have Operating Funds—Although there's a site for a proposed emergency medical care center—Mercy was selected by Shasta County supervisors Monday—there's no money to run it with yet.

But this doesn't seem to bother Redding physician C. Donald Nelson, chairman of nonprofit Shasta-Trinity Emergency Care Foundation that's to operate the center.

He said 75 per cent of the doctors in the Shasta-Trinity County Medical Society support the foundation, and he hopes they will loan the foundation enough money to open the center June 1.

Federal funds are available, he said, but it will probably take six months to acquire them.

Dr. Nelson said Mercy Hospital has offered the foundation 1,500 square feet of floor space with which to begin operations. "We'll probably start with 800 or 900 square feet," he said.

The foundation envisions a facility of 4,000 to 5,000 square feet, staffed 24 hours a day by doctors trained in emergency medical care.

It will be up to Mercy to decide whether to remodel or to build a new structure and to apply for federal funds for capital outlay, Dr. Nelson said.

The foundation will lease the space from Mercy and will apply for the federal money to hire a staff and to buy equipment, he said.

It will cost about $280,000 for the facility and about $325,000 a year to operate the center, the foundation has earlier estimated.

The center will open with one full-time doctor who will work 50 hours a week, Dr. Nelson said, adding that he'll be aided by about 10 doctors who will each work 12 hours a week.

Eventually the foundation wants to hire four or five full-time doctors, Dr. Nelson said.

He said only seven doctors now belong to the foundation, but the foundation will be opened up to membership soon.

"We will have committees with people in the community on them to make this something that is a community project," Dr. Nelson said.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, May 13, 1971**

Redding Nurse, Spouse Donate Whirlpool Bath—One of Mercy Hospital's involved pediatric nurses, Nancy Pair, RN, and her husband, Floyd, recently donated a portable whirlpool bath unit to the hospital for use in the Pediatrics Pavilion.

Floyd Pair knows how important a whirlpool bath can be as he was hospitalized with burns following a plane crash and had frequent opportunity to utilize such equipment.

Early in April, Mr. and Mrs. Pair presented the unit to Sister Eileen Barrett, SM, hospital administrator.

Within 10 days, Dr. William Shadish, a Redding plastic surgeon, used the whirlpool unit on a young burn patient, Mark Woodward, and since then it has provided frequent therapy for patients.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, July 12, 1971**

Airborne Ambulance For Emergencies—Jerry Fikes, director of the new Mercy Hospital emergency care center in Redding, and Sister Eileen Barrett, the hospital administrator, watched as a new medivac heliocopter took off during a demonstration at the hospital. The pilot was Gordon Moody, regional manager for the Bell Helicopter Co. The copter, a Bell Jetranger, carries two litter patients, a doctor and a pilot. It has a range of 200 mile radius and a cruising speed of 130 miles an hour. It was shown at dedication ceremonies Friday.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, September 10, 1971**

Mercy Hospital Access Road Plans Move Ahead—Plans for a new access road to Mercy Hospital in Redding moved a step closer to actual construction this week.

The Redding City Council decided Tuesday to participate in the project, estimated to cost as much as $110,000.

Mercy Hospital officials said the city's decision removed a complication that has held up the start of construction. They expect the project to be started in 30 days.

A commitment to build the road was assumed by the hospital when it was designated as the county's official, 24-hour emergency care center earlier this summer by the Shasta County Board of Supervisors.

The proposed road will have a long, sweeping grade in sharp contrast to the corkscrew turns of the present road, and will have an 8 per cent angle of ascent compared to the present 16 to 18 per cent.

City participation will be limited to $15,000, and will include furnishing asphalt paving, providing construction inspection and furnishing street lights.

Plans call for an extension of Rosaline Street to Court Street for a distance of about 1,500 feet.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, March 30, 1972**

Pink Ladies' Gift—Molly Wilson, president of Mercy Hospital Pink Ladies joins hospital administrator Sister Eileen Barrett in examining some of the equipment the hospital may now be able to purchase, thanks to a $14,000 gift from the volunteer group. The money was raised in a series of fund raising events.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, December 29, 1972**

Mercy To Begin Ambulance Runs—Mercy Hospital will take over the operation of Professional Ambulance Service of Enterprise on Saturday.

Franklin Cibula, attorney for ambulance service owner Joe Bush, said pink slips

for two ambulances will be signed over to Mercy during a meeting at his office in Redding.

However the hospital's recently-authorized Shasta County and city of Redding ambulance licenses will not be activated until Feb. 1.

During the month of January, Bush will continue to operate the ambulance service under an agreement with the hospital, Cibula explained. At the same time, Bush will become a hospital employee, he added.

Mercy is delaying the transfer of county and city licenses until Feb. 1, the attorney explained, because the hospital hopes to have its new life support vehicle in time to transfer licenses to the new vehicle rather than one of Professional Ambulance Service's standard ambulances.

Dr. Ben Hurst, county health officer, said he has transferred the license from an ambulance to a replacement vehicle without Board of Supervisors approval in the past, but is uncertain about whether he can do it for the life support vehicle, according to Cibula.

"Board action is possible if the life support vehicle differs too much from the standard ambulance," the attorney added, "but Dr. Hurst won't decide until the vehicle arrives."

Cibula also said Bush and Mercy Hospital have agreed not to disclose the cost of their transaction. "The sale includes two ambulances, equipment, city and county licenses, a place on the Shasta County Ambulance Society emergency call rotation and Professional Ambulance's good will," he remarked.

Mercy Hospital ran into stiff opposition to the purchase earlier this month. Memorial Hospital, Redding Ambulance Co. and American Ambulance Co. protested transfer of county licenses for the two ambulances during a hearing before the Board of Supervisors. The board approved the transfer on a 4-1 vote.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, February 16, 1973**

Peppermint More Than Sugar, Spice—By Susanne Hopkins

Dressed in confectionary pink and white, they stride down the halls of Mercy Hospital, stopping to deliver flowers, a tray of food, medicine or just a cheery "hello."

They are the Peppermints, a group of girl volunteers that is Mercy Hospital's answer to the Candystripers. Ranging in age from 14 to 18, the 26 girls work four-hour shifts after school and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends. Their only payment is a sense of satisfaction.

For most, it is enough.

"You feel like you're wanted here. Everybody always needs something," remarks Debbie Zylstra, 15, a Peppermint for nine months now. She is vice-president of the group, which became a formal organization just recently. Formed in 1959, the Peppermints were previously under the jurisdiction of the hospital's Pink Ladies. Now, while Pink Lady Mrs. Joe Hiatt is still their advisor, they operate largely on their own. Besides Debbie, officers include: Terri Haggard, president; Beverly Hughes, secretary; and Theresa Garbutt, treasurer.

"We have our own dues—$1 a year—and now our uniforms include pants and pink and white striped smock tops as well as pinafores," says Terri Haggard, 17, a member for a year and a half. "We want to get school credits for being Peppermints, too, but you're required to work four nights a week and with homework and stuff it's just too much. Most of us just work one or two nights a week. School comes first."

As serious as they are about school, they are just as serious about their volunteer work which is, they say, a lot of hard work. . . .

Beginning in the near future, it won't be just the girls who have access to hospital experience. Boys will be admitted, too, and the name will be changed from Peppermints to Mercy Junior Volunteers or Mercy Juniors.

The girls (who quickly add it wasn't their idea to admit boys, but the Pink Ladies') look forward to having a coed group, though they feel it may in essence be two groups.

"The boys will do what we do, but they'll receive more technical training," says Terri. "Most of the boys will probably be ones who have a definite interest in going into this field."

"Really, the boys will be more important than we are," comments Theresa.

In all probability, they will undergo the same basic training the girls now receive: One-day training with another volunteer to show them around, then they're on their own.

Whether boy or girl, the girls feel that some basic characteristics are needed:

"You have to have patience, be outgoing, love to work and do what you're told," says Theresa.

"And you've got to be careful what you say. We have a saying in the Peppermints: 'What you see and hear here stays here.' I think you've got to be aware of things, you've got to have common sense. That's important," remarks Terri. "And you've got to be responsible. If you're going to be absent, for example, you're supposed to call someone so we can find another Peppermint to fill in."

"I think you've just got to want to do it," says Debbie.

Young people who do want to do it (preferably boys, there are 300 girls on the waiting list now), may contact Mrs. Joe Hiatt at 241-1726.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, February 28, 1973**

Mercy Modernization To Begin Within 90 Days–By Al Murrell.

Mercy Hospital's $6.1 million modernization project is to begin within 90 days, Jay Hudson, assistant administrator, told the *Record-Searchlight* Tuesday.

Hudson outlined the project after the Redding Planning Commission, by a 3-0 vote Tuesday afternoon, accepted the environmental impact report, approved the concept of the expansion and authorized the City of Redding to issue construction permits when final plans are submitted and approved.

Commission Chairman Paul Stathem, who is the chairman of the board of directors for Mercy Hospital, and Commissioner Willard Woodward, one of the architects who designed the new 80,000-square foot hospital wing, abstained from voting on the motion.

The Carriage Corporation of Bellevue, Wash., is the primary contractor for the entire project. Woodward and Gene Nichols, his associate, are the local architects working on the expansion.

According to Hudson, representatives of the Washington corporation have said that local sub-contractors will be used wherever possible.

Final construction plans are now being completed and the 18-to-20-month modernization process will begin as soon as the plans are approved by the city, Hudson said.

All of the hospital's ancillary services will be expanded and a megavoltage cancer treatment facility will be built into the new wing, he said.

He said the decision on whether the cancer treatment used at the hospital will be cobalt therapy or linear acceleration has not been made but the specially-designed treatment room will be constructed.

Hudson said the 24-foot-by-16-foot treatment room will be built with lead and concrete shielding. The walls will be three feet thick.

"Because of the designation by the Shasta County Board of Supervisors as the primary emergency care center in the county, we have had an increased patient load and present emergency facilities must be expanded," Hudson said.

He said the new emergency room will have 14 beds, while the existing facility has five. He explained that the numbers indicate how many patients can be treated "comfortably" at any one time.

"Everyone who needs emergency treatment will get it," he added.

The intensive care and coronary care units will be combined in the new wing, utilizing a central nursing station.

The intensive care unit will be expanded from four to 10 beds, while the number of coronary care beds will remain at 10.

"We're not adding any beds to our 164-bed license, just realigning the ones we have," Hudson said.

New surgery suites will be constructed and a minor burn program initiated.

"We will still fly the critical burn victims to San Francisco (St. Francis Hospital burn center), but we will be able to treat minor burns," Hudson said.

The first phase of the construction involves tearing down the existing 10,000-square foot administrative wing, which houses the admitting and business offices, medical records and lobby on the ground floor.

Also to be torn down are the auditorium and Hudson's office in the cellar of the present wing.

The existing administrative wing was built in 1953.

Asked how the $6.1 million dollar expansion would affect hospital costs, Hudson said, "Most of the cost of the modernization of the hospital will be reflected in future charges to the patients."

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, March 26, 1973**

Mercy Hospital Honors Volunteers At Dinner—A lot of hard work got its just reward Thursday evening when Mercy Hospital Guild honored its volunteers at a dinner in the hospital auditorium.

The dinner also commemorated the guild's 15th birthday.

Guild members were presented with pins denoting the total amount of hours of volunteer service they have given the hospital. Especially honored were Doris Murphy, who racked up 4,000 hours of service and Molly Wilson, with 2,000. Accumulated volunteer hours for 1972 was 9,265.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a check to Sister Eileen Barrett, hospital administrator. The check represented the amount raised by the guild during the past year and will be applied to the Radiation Therapy Unit. It was for the sum of $12,500.

Approximately 120 persons are involved in the guild, on either an active or associate basis. Persons wishing to join may contact Mrs. William McKinnon, 275-1221.

PULSEBEAT **March 1973**

Redding Clergy In New Program—Pastors and Hospital Staff Team Up.

"Recent years have brought to the health-care professions and the local clergy a growing sense of the importance of caring for all the needs of the hospital patient—his worries about his family, his job and his finances as well as his emotional responses to his illness. These are all an important part of the total picture and have the same urgent need to be cared for as the medical management of his case," says Rev. Noble Streeter of Redding's Presbyterian Church. He and representatives of many churches in the Redding area are cooperating with Mercy's staff in a new, broad-based "Pastoral Care Program" to help meet these needs.

"Our philosophy is to serve the total person: all his needs—physical, emotional, social and spiritual—though the importance of these latter needs hasn't always received sufficient attention. We are trying to better provide for the planning, organization and delivery of services to meet those needs," so says Sr. Mary Dorothy, one of the three Sister-Visitors designated to help implement the program.

Rev. Streeter explains that this new effort includes orientation sessions between the hospital staff and clergy as well as issuance of name-tags identifying the partici-

pating clergymen. Lists of clergy are posted at all nurses' stations. In addition, an emergency call program has been established, which means that various clergy have volunteered to be available on a 24-hour basis for a 7-day period to minister to the needs of patients unable to reach their own pastor or who have no specific preference of a pastor. The pastor on call is given a pocket receiver (like those used by physicians) to alert him that he is wanted at the hospital. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, April 27, 1973**

Mercy's Life Support Unit–It's A Hospital On Wheels. By Bill Short.

A shiny new white van with bright orange trim rolled down the hill from Mercy Hospital Tuesday.

It's the new life support unit, fully-equipped to carry a nurse, two medical technicians and a pile of medical paraphernalia to the scene of any emergency in a wide region of Northern California.

The unit was proudly displayed at Mercy by Jerry Fikes, Emergency Care Center coordinator, and Al Miller, life support system coordinator who is a registered nurse and will serve as chief pilot for the new bus.

As unorthodox as it might look for an ambulance–it looks more like an ice cream truck–the LSU adopts several new concepts.

–It has two basic units, the chassis and a modular ambulance box that can be fitted to a new chassis.

–It's bulky to allow more room inside.

–And not the least important, it has the capability of sustaining life in certain instances.

The idea of life support has been practiced in recent months by both Mercy and Memorial Hospitals. Memorial rolls a private ambulance with a hospital nurse and hospital-based cardiac equipment, primarily for heart attack victims.

But Mercy has become the first to offer a hospital-owned full-time LSU that will respond to any life-threatening situation and Mercy is offering a training session to local police and firemen that will result in local off-duty officers working as emergency medical technicians on the unit.

There is still some disagreement over the need for rolling a mobile emergency room to every fender-bender accident.

Fikes explained that eventually, refinement in receiving initial accident information and the coordinated dispatch of emergency units will eliminate much of that argument. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, May 23, 1973**

Sister Eileen: Administrator–By Susanne Hopkins.

There are some persons who, just by being somewhere, make it a happier place to be.

Such a place is Mercy Hospital and such a person is Sister Eileen Barrett, SM., hospital administrator.

With a broad smile creasing her bespectacled face, Sister Eileen (as she is warmly called) guides a visitor through the facility, offering a friendly word to each person she sees. Frequently she laughs robustly at a funny remark or makes a humorous comment herself.

Patients get a cheery word, youngsters a gentle pat on the head. She is, observes the visitor, in touch–in tune–with her surroundings.

And she is satisfied in her work.

"It's been really rewarding and yet, for someone who has been a nurse–and I really felt that was rewarding–it has taken a while to find the satisfaction in administrative work," says Sister Eileen, who has been the hospital administrator since 1970.

"In nursing my satisfaction was in the personal contact with the patients, the direct patient care," she explains. "Now my satisfaction is in seeing the level of growth in the hospital and in creating an environment for good patient care on the highest level of excellence."

She belongs to the Sisters of Mercy, a teaching and nursing order with the mother house in Auburn. Since 1957, she has been a registered nurse, receiving her R.N. from St. Mary's College of Nursing, San Francisco; her B.S. in nursing from the University of California-San Francisco; and her master's degree in hospital administration from St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.

Her nursing credentials are testimony to the rapidity of her climb to the top: Staff nurse at Mercy Hospital, Redding, from 1957-1958; surgical floor supervisor, Mercy Hospital, Sacramento, 1958-1960; surgical floor supervisor, Mercy Hospital, Redding, 1960-1962; operating room supervisor, Mercy Hospital, Sacramento, 1962-1964; assistant administrator, Mercy San Juan Hospital, Carmichael 1966-67; and administrator at that hospital from 1967 to 1970.

But she shakes her head vigorously and laughs when asked if she ever thought she'd be a hospital administrator.

"Oh, no. It was so nice in the old days to be able to say, 'That's not my problem—go talk to the administrator.' Now I can't say that anymore." she says, chuckling.

Nowadays, all the problems concerning Mercy Hospital are her problems. And she attempts to meet them with aplomb and common sense, as well as sensitivity to others.

"I'm responsible for the total coordination of the hospital—all the activities and planning for the future, as well as evaluating the health care needs of the community and attempting to fill those needs not being met by other services."

To do all that requires more than eight hours a day. Frequently her day begins at 7:30 a.m. with a meeting and ends at 7:30 p.m. with a meeting. She also travels to other hospitals to observe their methods.

"I think that is essential. You must keep up with what other hospitals are doing."

And she has come home—always—with new ideas and a great sense of pride in Mercy.

"Redding is unique in the sense that it has attracted good physicians and specialists. And, while Mercy has only 164 beds, it offers the services found in a 300-bed hospital."

Sister Eileen is quick to attribute that distinction not to herself, but to other factors.

"The philosophy of a religious hospital is that care is based on the total person as an individual, not simply the medical needs of the person. This is the guiding philosophy of the hospital.

"It is the philosophy, a dedicated staff and the interest and support it has received from the community which are the greatest strengths of this hospital," remarks Sister Eileen. . . .

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, June 7, 1973**

Locals Receive Papal Honors—Pope Paul VI has honored four diocesan laymen with the rank of Knights of St. Gregory the Great, has granted an additional honor of Grand Cross of St. Sylvester to another Knight, and has bestowed the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal on four diocesan laywomen, one religious, and two former members of the Diocese. . . .

Honored with the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice is Mother Mary Teresita, Mother General of the Mercy Sisters of Auburn, the first religious in the Diocese to receive a papal honor. . . .

Mother Teresita, who is beginning her twelfth year as Mother General of the Mercy Sisters, has guided the Order through the difficult renewal period following the

Vatican Council. Before being elected to the top position in the community she was Mistress of Novices and principal of elementary schools in Holy Spirit parish, Sacramento, and St. Joseph's parish, Redding. A native of Ireland Mother Teresita entered the Mercy Sisters in Sacramento in 1936.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Monday, June 11, 1973

Mercy Hospital Begins $6.5 Million Project—By Al Murrell

The $6.5 million modernization of Mercy Hospital was started today.

Hospital officials gave the press a briefing on the project—believed to be one of the largest in Redding's history.

The modernization includes:

—Construction of an 84,000-square-foot wing.

—Demolition of the old administrative wing.

—Expansion of the emergency care center.

—Equipment for a cancer treatment center and burn center.

—Construction of a new service road.

Warren Holcomb, project superintendent for the Careage Corp., of Bellevue, Wash., contractor, said the hospital's improvements would be made on a time schedule, beginning with the installation of the new service road.

The main part of the multi-million dollar project, construction of the 84,000-square-foot wing, is to begin about Sept. 1, he said.

The demolition of the old administrative wing is scheduled in about four weeks, and will take approximately three weeks to complete.

The total modernization is expected to take at least two years, he said.

Sister Eileen Barrett, hospital administrator, said it has taken more than two years to plan the expansion, which will approximately double the size of the present facility.

Mercy is now the largest facility between Sacramento and Medford, Ore., she said.

Virgil Covington, chairman of the hospital's long range planning board, said the hospital serves a population area of about 300,000 in Northern California and an increased patient load, plus a need for additional services have made the expansion necessary.

Jay Hudson, assistant administrator at Mercy, said, "We have asked the Careage Corporation to complete the new emergency room first."

Hudson said the new emergency room will be about 5,100 square feet, while the present room is about 800 square feet.

He said the new emergency room will have 14 beds—nine more than the existing facility.

"Everyone who needs emergency treatment will get it," Hudson said. He explained that the number of beds indicates how many patients can be treated "comfortably" at any one time.

All of the hospitals ancillary services are to be expanded during the modernization and a couple of new ones are to be added, Sister Eileen said.

To be included in the new three-story wing is a specially designed linear accelerator for cancer treatment, she said.

With walls about three feet thick, the 24-foot-by-16-foot cancer treatment room will be built with lead and concrete shielding, Hudson explained.

A new burn unit will allow the hospital to treat patients for "most burns," Hudson said.

He said, "We will still fly the very critical burn victims to San Francisco (St. Francis Hospital burn center)."

The intensive care and coronary care units will be combined in the new wing, utilizing a central nursing station, Sister Eileen said.

The intensive care unit will be expanded from four to 10 beds, while the number of coronary care beds will remain at 10, she said.

"We're not adding any beds to our 164-bed license, just realigning the ones we have to better serve our patients," Hudson said.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, June 20, 1973**

Moving Day For Catholic Sisters—The seven Catholic sisters at Mercy Hospital Tuesday moved into their new residence at 2254 Gold St.—another step in the hospital's $6.5 million modernization project, which began June 11. The sisters were forced to leave their residence at the hospital because it will house the administrative services during the two-year project. Heavy equipment is being used to grade the land northwest of the hospital, which will be the site of a new service road and a parking lot. A ground-breaking ceremony for the project has been scheduled for 11 a.m. July 6.

Mercy Hospital. The former convent now McAuley Hall Office Building **(Courtesy Sisters of Mercy)**

Convent Chapel at Clairmont Heights before expansion of Mercy Hospital **(Courtesy Sisters of Mercy)**

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, July 7, 1973

Ground Broken On New Mercy Wing—A ground breaking ceremony was held Friday for Mercy Hospital's $6.5 million modernization project.

Congressman Harold T. "Bizz" Johnson, D-Roseville, and state Senator Fred W. Marler Jr., R-Redding, as well as several hospital officials, addressed a standing-room-only crowd from the steps of the administrative wing.

Congressman Johnson spoke about the federal government's awareness of a need for quality medical services.

Johnson said a national health insurance program is to be proposed very shortly.

He also said that a bill expanding the national medical health program will probably be passed.

When the modernization is completed, the hospital will be one of the most modern medical facilities in California, Johnson said.

Senator Marler said, "The beginning of a new wing is rare in California now. There are already too many beds in California."

Mercy is not adding any beds to its 164-bed license, "just rearranging the ones we have to better serve the patients."

Marler said, "There is almost $500,000 included in this year's state budget to set up an emergency medical care system."

He said the present personnel would be used and the $500,000 would be spent for better transportation and communication to "infinitely" improve medical care in rural areas.

There are not enough doctors adequately to serve the number of patients in California, but the ratio is improving because many doctors are moving here from other states, Marler said.

Hospital Administrator Sister Eileen Barrett said the hospital's third construction project in the last 10 years would bring "excellence in medical service" to the people of Shasta and surrounding counties.

She said the Sisters of Mercy are honored to have served Shasta County for the last 29 years.

Mother Mary Teresita, who is the Mother General for the Sisters of Mercy in Northern California, said, "Today we begin another chapter of Mercy Hospital, Redding."

"During the sixties we added a pediatrics wing and a new east wing," she said.

She called the original construction of Mercy Hospital in 1953, "the greatest thing since the building of Shasta Dam."

Dr. James G. Campbell, president of the Shasta-Trinity Medical Society offered, "Best wishes for a monumental and speedy construction."

Dr. Faylon Brunemeier, hospital chief of staff, said the doctors are sure the modernization will provide better patient care.

Paul Stathem, who is a member of the hospital's Board of Directors and was master of ceremonies Friday, said the regular surgery schedule Thursday night lasted past midnight and "that is the reason for the expansion."

Stathem said, "hundreds of thousands of hours of hard work by those present have made this possible."

Included in the multi-million dollar modernization, which is expected to take at least two years, are:

—Construction of an 84,000-square-foot-wing.

—Demolition of the old administration wing.

—Expansion of the emergency care center and all of the hospital's ancillary services.

—Equipment for a cancer treatment center and a burn center.

—Construction of a new service road.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, December 13, 1973**

50 Years in Priesthood—Thanksgiving Mass. Father Urban O'Rourke, CP, a member of the Passionist Community of Christ the King Retreat Center, will be Principal Celebrant of a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving, December 14, in the Chapel of the Retreat Center, in thanking God for 50 years in the priesthood.

Father Urban was ordained, December 22, 1923, by Bishop Thomas Drumm, at St. Gabriel's Monastery, Des Moines, Iowa—one of a class of 16 ordained.

A native of Chicago, Father Urban has been chaplain of Mercy Hospital, Redding, for the past two years. Prior to that he helped in various parishes in the Diocese.

The public is invited to join in thanking God. The Mass will be at 11:00 AM, Christ the King Retreat Center, 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights.

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, March 15, 1974**

A Very Profitable Dinner—Mercy Hospital administrator, Sister Eileen Barrett accepted a check for $10,000 from Mercy Hospital Guild at a dinner recently. The check represented 10,599 volunteers hours and will be applied to the radiation therapy unit at the Redding Hospital. The guild president is Earlyne Albertson.

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, March 25, 1974**

Mercy's Father O'Rourke Honored—"It's something that happens only once in a lifetime," remarked the Rev. Urban O'Rourke, chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Redding.

Father O'Rourke recently celebrated his 50th year as a priest of the Passionist Order. In honor of his golden jubilee, the hospital put on a gala party with all the trimmings.

It was the fourth celebration of his golden jubilee for Father O'Rourke. Earlier this year he celebrated in Sierra Madre (where he was previously stationed) with the other seven remaining members of his class of 17. Then he celebrated in Citrus Heights and again in Chicago, Ill., not only the western base for his order, but also his hometown.

Father O'Rourke said he finds his job most rewarding, and added: "I try to visit everybody every day. You can tell they appreciate my coming by. I try to give them a little lift."

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, July 11, 1974**

Mercy Sisters Elect New Superior General—The Sisters of Mercy have announced the election of a new Superior General.

Meeting in General Chapter at their motherhouse twenty-one elected delegates have chosen Sister Kathleen Dunne the Superior General of the Congregation to succeed Sister Mary Teresita Durgan who held this position for twelve years. . . .

Sister Mary Teresita remains on the General Council as Assistant Superior General. Other members of the Council are Sister Maura Power, Sister Eileen Barrett, and Sister Patricia Mulderrig.

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, August 1, 1974**

Lions Donate Eyeball Containers—The Redding Lions Club Wednesday donated eyeball containers for eye transplants to Memorial and Mercy Hospitals. Frank Plummer, Lions Club sight conservation chairman presented the containers to Sister Eileen Barrett, administrator of Mercy hospital and to Pat Gerhart, patient care coordinator at Memorial Hospital. Lions Club members have forms available to those who wish to donate their eyes after death. The local Lions Club obtained the containers from the Lions Eye Foundation in San Francisco.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, September 6, 1974**

Hospital Installs Play Area—A big, colorful turtle reposes on the lawn and children clamber happily over three rocking toys.

It's the new play area at Mercy Hospital, designed to alleviate a youngster's fear of hospitalization, according to assistant administrator Jay Hudson.

The play area is a product of many helping hands. Garage sales, bake sales and drawings were held to raise money for the project.

Basic use, according to Hudson, will be for new admissions and long term patients. Youngsters are invited to play in the area even before surgery.

It's all part of a program at Mercy to make children better understand the workings of the hospital and become more at ease there. Children slated to enter the hospital are generally taken on a tour of the facility and enjoy a movie and party.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, September 19, 1974**

Sisters of Mercy Celebrate—On September 1st, five Sisters of Mercy celebrated a combined total of two hundred, ten years of service in the diocese of Sacramento. The event was the occasion of Diamond, Golden and Silver Jubilees which brought the Community of Sisters of Mercy together in a spirit of gratitude and rejoicing. The celebrant of the Mass of Thanksgiving was Father Thomas More Newbold, C. P. of the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago. . . .

One of the Golden Jubilarians was Sister M. Dorothy Nealis, professed on July 16, 1924. Her years of service have been in the hospital field, as a pharmacist at Mercy General Hospital and later as a Sister Visitor. She is now at Mercy Hospital, Redding. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, January 7, 1975**

Mercy's Giant New Knife Is Electronic Lifesaver—By Glenn Hassenpflug

The fastest knife north of Davis is used to heal, not to kill.

Too big for the surgeon's hand, it commands a whole section of the basement of the new wing at Mercy Hospital in Redding.

Its cutting edge is not steel but a stream of electrons that begins with the hospital's ordinary 115-volt power supply and ends in a jolt of as much as 4 million volts.

This bundle of anomolies is a machine called a linear accelerator. Mercy spent about $160,000 for the latest model-the Varian Clinoc 4-and an approximately equal amount to house it.

Mercy began using it this week to treat cancer patients. Because it is here, sufferers will no longer have to travel to Chico for the cruder cobalt therapy or to Davis or the Bay Area for treatments on a sister machine.

The accelerator will serve a 33,000-square-mile area at a rate of about 30 patients a day. "The limitation is man-power, not the machine," says Dr. John Clark, the radiotherapist in charge of the department. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, January 16, 1975**

Kimberly-Clark Donates $10,000—The new linear accelerator in Mercy Hospital's radiation therapy unit cost $160,000. A $10,000 check from the Kimberly-Clark Corp. toward that figure was given Wednesday to Sister Eileen Barrett, hospital administrator, by W. Ray Williams, western region vice president of Kimberly-Clark's U.S. Newsprint and Forest Products Business Group. Observers were Dr. John Clark, head of the therapy unit, and Dixon Sandberg, president of the Mercy Advisory Board.

DEDICATION OF WEST WING

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, February 21, 1975

Dedication Set For $6.5 Million Mercy Hospital Wing—By Robert Baldwin.

Sitting majestically atop Redding's southwestern hills is Mercy Hospital, hailed as the finest medical facility north of Sacramento.

Saturday, the new $6.5 million addition to this facility will be dedicated before a gathering of the hospital's board of directors, advisers, and staff.

The new facilities will provide for the intensive care of burn victims and cancer patients for the first time in Northern California.

Participating in Saturday's ceremonies will be Dr. Edward D. Ryan of Redding, who will act as master of ceremonies.

Offering a prayer of blessings for the hospital will be Bishop John Cummins of the Catholic Diocese in Sacramento.

Making special remarks will be Sister Kathleen Dunne, Superior general of the Sisters of Mercy in Auburn, and the following:

Dr. David L. Williams, president of the Shasta-Trinity Medical Society.

Dr. Harry W. Daniell, Mercy Hospital chief of staff.

Sister Eileen Barrett, hospital administrator.

Rudy Balma, chairman of the hospital's board of directors.

Pete BelCastro, administrative assistant to Assemblywoman Pauline Davis, D-Portola.

The Rev. Dr. Noble Streeter, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Redding.

The dedication will mark the latest step in a success story that began three decades ago.

In 1944, after being invited to Redding by parishioners of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Sisters of Mercy purchased the old St. Caroline Hospital.

The old hospital was located in downtown Redding on the corner of Sacramento and Pine streets.

The community invested $10,000 combined with a $50,000 investment of the sisters to purchase the 44-bed facility. The hospital was operated by four nuns and a small staff of nurses and doctors.

In 1951, the hospital began to outgrow the building. Construction of a new 89-bed facility began atop Redding's southwestern hills in the Boardman district.

The new hospital was completed in 1953, and provided the most efficient medical service in California north of Sacramento. Cost of the new building was $1.8 million.

Ten years later and several thousand patients later, the $325,000 Pediatrics Pavilion was built, adding 24 additional beds to the hospital and bringing its capacity up to 113 patients.

Mercy Medical Center, West Wing dedicated February 22, 1975 by Bishop John Cummins
(Photo by Richard Robertson)

Within five years, 51 more beds were added to the facility with completion of the East Wing of the hospital.

This new addition cost $1.4 million, and brought the hospital's bed capacity up to 164.

Demands for additional space increased over the next four years. Construction began on the latest addition to the hospital in 1973.

This two year project completed in January added 84,000 square feet of service space to the hospital for additional departments and the expansion of others.

Services of the hospital include a chapel for visitors and patients. This chapel is administered by a resident priest, the Rev. Father Urban.

In 1973, the hospital obtained a mobile life-support vehicle, and has operated the ambulance service since that time.

The hospital has since bought another of these vehicles, and will have a separate department within the new building.

These units have been called hospitals on wheels.

An air ambulance service is also available to the hospital. With the construction of a new $125,000 access route to the hospital, the addition of an access route to Benton Air Park was made. This route is used for transporting patients to and from the airfield, and cuts travel time down from an approximate 10 minutes to 3 minutes.

New laboratories have also been added to the hospital with the construction. A team of full-time physicians who specialize in Pathology direct this department.

Other medical departments of the hospital include:

—Radiology and X-ray departments, under the direction of a radiologist.

—Surgical department. This department will be housed in the new addition, and open seven separate operation rooms to the many doctors that use the hospital. The old surgical department will be used as a Burn Unit for severely burned patients, and will be the only such service north of Sacramento to the Oregon border.

—Anesthesia department. This department is operated by a specialist, anesthesiologist who provides hospital patients with the latest methods of the field.

—Physical Therapy department included at the hospital, staffed by a team of specialists. The department has a well equipped section of the new building, and

provides services to inpatients as well as outpatients.

A Nuclear Medicine department has also been added to the new building, is under the direction of a team of specialists. The department uses a small amount of radioactive materials in the treatment of cancer patients.

This new addition to the hospital cost approximately $1 million and will be the only department of its kind in northern California north of Sacramento.

The building also has a new 200-seat auditorium in the basement, site of Saturday's ceremonies. This new facility can be used for educational and training purposes.

The hospital is guarded by a regular patrolman.

"Since the hospital has grown so large, we found it necessary to hire a full-time night patrolman to protect patients and patrol the parking area at the hospital," a Mercy spokesman said.

An enlarged kitchen has been added to meet the rising needs of the facility. While hospital facilities are being moved from one part of the building to the other, microwave ovens have been installed to maintain meal service to the patients and staff.

An expanded Emergency Care Unit is also housed in the new addition, providing 11 separate emergency treatment rooms for in and out patients.

The hospital will be equipped with the latest monitoring equipment, including closed circuit security monitoring.

At present, the hospital is staffed by some 475 to 535 full and part-time employees. In addition to the present staff, 40 more additional staff members will be added to the hospital.

The new addition will meet the needs of the community for the next 15 to 20 years.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, February 26, 1975**

Planners OK Proposal For Offices Near Mercy–By Todd Fineberg.

Changes in the city general plan that would allow a medical office complex on a hillside below Mercy Hospital were recommended by the Redding Planning Commission Tuesday. . . .

The Sisters of Mercy, operators of the hospital and owners of the land, are interested in establishing a 16 to 20-suite medical office building to be connected to the main hospital building by a covered walkway.

Convenience to doctors for treatment of both in-patients and out-patients is a main reason for the project, according to the environmental report prepared by Paul W. Stathem, a Redding consultant.

"It is becoming more and more a desirable practice in the delivery of total health care for the full complement of health care services to be readily available one to another preferably with physical access," the report said.

Several residents and property owners from the nearby Linden Avenue neighborhood told the commission they liked the hospital's plans, but wanted better drainage from the hill occupied by the hospital. Residents also recommended a second exit route from the hospital. . . .

David Packard, the hospital's attorney, said after the meeting that the amount of investment in the new building has not yet been determined. It is unlikely that the hospital will actually build the building. Mercy authorities may lease the land to an outside developer, he added.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, February 27, 1975**

Beta Delta Gives Funds To Radiation Therapy Unit–Beta Delta recently presented Mercy Hospital with a $400 check in memory of sorority sister, Patricia Phillips. The money will be used for the hospital's radiation therapy unit. Presenting the check to Sister Eileen Barrett were Sandy Driver, Nancy White and Pat Bowman.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, March 14, 1975

Mercy Hospital Presents Awards—Mercy Hospital Guild delivered a check for $5,600 to the hospital for the new radiation therapy unit at the awards night recently. Sister Eileen Barrett, hospital administrator, accepted the check. She then presented pins to guild volunteers, including Genevieve Terry and Eleanor Smith, who each donated 3,000 hours to the hospital in 1974. Margaret Thompson had the highest number of hours—4,000. The guild also celebrated its 17th anniversary during the evening.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Friday, April 14, 1975

Closed Kitchen Doesn't Daunt Hospital—By Susanne Hopkins.

How do you feed 140 people when you have no kitchen?

Redding's Mercy Hospital was faced with that problem recently when the time came to close down the kitchen for remodeling.

It was quite a dilemma: About 140 people had to be fed three times a day. Some required special diets. It was essential that the food be tasty, nourishing and appetizing.

After some investigation, Norm Spruce, manager of dietary, hit upon the idea of serving meals airline style. He visited several airline central kitchens, viewed preparations, procedures for cleanliness and took "taste tests."

Then with Dorothy Brunemeier, consultant dietician, he established a variety of foods which would be adapted to the airline way of serving. Menus were put together for low calorie, low fat and other special diets.

The Armour Company was then contracted to provide the food, which would arrive frozen and be prepared in one of the hospital's six microwave ovens.

It's been a successful system in the weeks it has been in progress, according to Spruce and dietary supervisor, Judy Sharette. . . .

While the hot dishes are prepared by Armour and microwave ovens, cold dishes are prepared by the hospital staff.

All in all, the meal takes very little time. An entree may be prepared in one minute and the staff can serve all 140 patients in about 45 minutes.

In addition to feeding the patients, the dietary staff has also kept the cafeteria going. Food, also from Armour, is prepared in large glass casseroles in the microwave ovens and served cafeteria style to employees and guests.

It will all come to an end April 10, however. That is when the new kitchen is supposed to be open. Then it's back to the usual way of preparing food.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Thursday, May 15, 1975

Mercy Hospital Crew Learns The Ropes—A new rooftop parking area and outside walls at Mercy Hospital became practice grounds for emergency medical technicians (EMT) and nurses who learned how to rappel and scale steep cliffs on a rope Wednesday. The crews normally man Mercy's life support unit and used the vehicle to anchor the top of their ropes while Redding fireman Chuck Maple, who is also an EMT gave instructions on the ups and downs of rope work.

MERCY MEDICAL CENTER

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, July 31, 1975**

Mercy Hospital Now A 'Medical Center'—Mercy Hospital is no longer.

The hospital on the hill will unveil a new sign and a new name: Mercy Medical Center.

The change, according to assistant administrator Jay Hudson, reflects a "wider range of services and more diversity at the hospital" since completion of a modernization project started in 1971.

The 2 p.m. unveiling Saturday, August 16, followed by public tours, notes the official conclusion of the project which included a $6.5 million addition and a myriad of new services.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the hospital auditorium to begin the day. The service is "open primarily to staff members" according to administrator Sister Eileen Barrett.

While the new wing was formally dedicated in ceremonies in February, Saturday's smaller celebration marks the "total completion" of Mercy's renovation project, Sister Barrett said.

Since the opening of the new addition, she said, several small remodeling projects have been completed in the older portion of the building.

A large list of new and expanded services has come with the new Mercy addition, necessitating the name change, according to Hudson.

New additions include a burn unit; a department for cancer radiation therapy; renal analysis center for kidney disease and an advanced nuclear-medicine diagnostic center which includes the only linear accelerator between Oregon and the Bay Area.

The wing also houses a combined coronary-intensive care unit with six more beds than the old facility.

"We felt that we had expanded beyond the normal offerings of a hospital," Hudson said in explaining the name change. "In fact, we found that many persons in outlying areas already referred to us as 'Mercy Medical Center.'

"We're just bigger and better all the way around."

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, August 21, 1975**

Redding Hospital Now Medical Center—Mercy Hospital was officially renamed "Mercy Medical Center" here last Saturday in a special unveiling ceremony by Sister Kathleen Dunne, Superior General of the Mercy Order.

A recently opened new $6.5 million wing, offering expanded services, raised the status of the hospital to a medical center making it the largest medical facility between Sacramento and Portland. Among the new and expanded services Mercy now offers

are: a burn unit, a department for cancer radiation therapy, renal analysis center, and an advanced nuclear-medicine diagnostic center which includes the only linear accelerator between the Bay Area and Oregon.

A special Mass of Thanksgiving was concelebrated at the hospital Saturday morning with Auxiliary Bishop John Cummins preaching the homily. Tours of the hospital for the public followed. . . .

Concelebrants with Bishop Cummins at the Mass of Thanksgiving were Father Urban O'Rourke, CP, chaplain at the hospital; Fathers Michael Kiernan and John Crowley, both associate pastors at Saint Joseph's Church, Redding; and Father James McKnight, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Anderson.

The two Scripture readings and psalm response were read by three local ministers, Rev. Rudi Lenser, Rev. Ward Willoughby and Rev. Harold Parrott.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, April 1, 1976**

Mercy Guild Presents $15,000 To Hospital–Mercy Medical Center Guild of Redding recently celebrated its 18th birthday by giving away a gift–a check for $15,000.

The check, which was presented by president Earlyne Albertson to Sister Eileen Barrett, medical center administrator, represented the funds raised over the past year by the guild.

The presentation was made during the annual birthday and awards party hosted in the medical center auditorium.

Sister Eileen presented pins to guild members for cumulative hours of volunteer service to the center. Among those honored were Doris Murphy and Genevieve Terry, each with 5,000 hours of volunteer service; Della Franchetti with 4,000 hours; and Opal Rester and Nelcine McKinnon, 3,000 hours. A total of 19,600 hours of volunteer service to the medical center was recorded for 1975.

Mercy Guild was formed in 1958. Esther Hansen was the charter president. Guild members have since provided a variety of services, including operating a gift shop, an information desk, an escort service and a personal service.

A social hour hosted by the guild preceded the presentation of the check and the awards.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, May 10, 1976**

Help For Burn Victims–Ernie Loveless of the California Division of Forestry Employees' Association presented a $1,000 check to Sister Eileen Barrett, administrator of Mercy Medical Center in Redding, and Sharon Heacock, the nurse in charge of the hospital's emergency care center. The money will be used for emergency care of burn victims who must be transported to or treated at burn centers in Chico or San Francisco. Mercy directors have decided not to open a burn unit in Redding as long as Chico Community Hospital can cope with the patient load.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, May 14, 1976**

Mercy Celebrates Hospital Week–Mercy Medical Center is celebrating National Hospital Week through Saturday with a display of antique medical equipment. In the hospital's downstairs lobby is a showcase of rare antique surgeon's tools, including straight razors, catheter sets, urine sampler and hypodermic needle set. The upstairs lobby has a display where X-ray technician Mike Davis compares a modern X-ray machine to an early-1900s X-ray machine made mostly of wood. Although the size and function of the machines are about the same, says Davis the new one sold for about $15,000 in 1974, and the old one sold for a few hundred dollars at the turn of the century. On the second floor is an old wood and wicker wheelchair remarkably similar in construction to modern wheelchairs.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Monday, May 17, 1976**

Another New Machine Designed To Save Lives–By Robert Baldwin.

A relatively simple machine that could save an untold number of poison victims lives each year has been installed in the emergency room at Mercy Medical Center in Redding.

The machine, the Poisindex Information System, lists information on the symptoms, antidotes and recommended treatment for more than 160,00 poisonous substances.

In use, the machine projects a four by six inch microfilm card onto a viewing screen that can easily be read by an attending nurse or doctor, cutting down the amount of time lost between diagnosis and treatment by as much as two-thirds, according to Dr. Dell Gray, medical director at Mercy.

The machine is unique in that it provides immediate information on poisonous substances within seconds, replacing the use of outdated medical textbooks on poisons, Gray said.

Most, if not all, medical books on poisons used by doctors, hospitals and clinics are from two to five years out of date when they come off the press, Gray said. With the new system, all the attending doctor needs to do is isolate the particular substance by its street or generic name, insert the microfilm card in that category and begin treatment.

The microfilm file that contains some 2,200 different categories of poisonous and toxic substances also has a section for verification and identification of poisonous plants, mushrooms and snakes.

Every 90 days, the information is updated to include new products and new information, Gray said. . . .

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, June 2, 1976**

Freewheelers Transport Cancer Patients to Therapy–By Susanne Hopkins.

It's tragic enough to have cancer. It's even more tragic to have cancer and not have a means of getting to a place of treatment.

But if the Freewheelers have their way, area cancer patients won't have that last problem.

The Freewheelers is a new transportation system organized by the North State Unit, American Cancer Society. Its function is to provide free transportation for cancer patients to Mercy Medical Center's radiation therapy unit.

Led by Irene D'Amato, five volunteers use their own vehicles to transport the patients to Mercy as often as required. But more volunteers are needed.

"Our main plea is help," says Bob Phillips, executive director of the North Unit ACS. "We need volunteers. They would have to use their own vehicles, but it is tax deductible. And we have umbrella insurance for up to $1 million."

Phillips said that last year, before the Freewheelers started, the North State Unit spent about $5,000 to transport people for treatment.

"We had about 80 people who needed transportation," says Phillips. "So the need is there."

The Freewheelers, he says, will serve the greater Redding area from Anderson to Central Valley. It is hoped that there will eventually be 12 or 15 volunteers so no one is taxed.

"We want to make it as convenient for the volunteers as we can," Phillips says. "We don't want to put a burden on any one person."

Together with Mrs. D'Amato, he is working out a telephone system. Mrs. D'Amato will take care of the scheduling of patients and volunteers, communicating by telephone with everyone.

She is particularly enthusiastic about the program, working with it as she has for some time now.

"You do get attached to the patients," she says, adding that the Freewheelers hope to match up patients and drivers so that the same driver takes the patient all the time.

"And it doesn't take much time at all," Mrs. D'Amato continues. "From the time I leave home until I return it's about 1½ hours."

She makes it a point to stay in the radiation therapy waiting room while her patient has the treatment. That way, she's right there when the therapy is over.

"It's such a satisfying thing to be doing," Mrs. D'Amato says. "You know you're helping someone."

"We hope to make it a self-perpetuating thing by virtue of the satisfaction to the volunteers," Phillips comments. He adds that the personal attention also makes the patients feel that someone really cares—gives them a lift, so to speak.

Phillips says that while the program is open to all cancer patients without charge, it is mainly geared to ambulatory patients.

"We hope to have the Golden Umbrella or some other organization that has a van with a wheelchair lift help us. In any case, we won't let anyone go without treatment, whatever we have to do to help them."

Phillips says that the ACS will pay to get anyone to Redding, utilizing the bus or whatever means are necessary.

"And some motels are giving reduced rates. We'll help on that too, if necessary, because some people have to spend six or eight weeks here and staying in motels can be quite expensive.

"Our whole goal is to offer it as a service to the community," says Phillips.

A service of caring, he might add.

PULSEBEAT **July, 1976**

Administrator Thanks Community for Pioneer Spirit that Built Mercy Medical Center—As America looks back with pride this Bi-Centennial July, so do we at Mercy.

With community donations of $10,000 and $50,000 from our Sisters of Mercy, Auburn we began in 1944. This humble beginning was our community's first declaration of independence from inadequate health care.

We had four Sisters, four physicians, very few nurses and personnel that first fourth of July in old St. Caroline's hospital. But we had plenty of spirit. Electric fans and swamp coolers proved ineffective in the intense Redding heat, and our little staff did a lot of fanning and sponge-bathing of patients to keep them more comfortable.

Our first winter brought new problems. The red tile roof did not keep out rain any better than it did summer's heat! From running back and forth up the sloping hallways with cool water for sponging, we went to buckets, pots, and pans to keep leaking rainwater off our patients.

Some of our staff still remember those early days. Dr. Edward Ryan, Jewell Shipley, Helen Bowdish, Jean Rocha, Cassie White reminisced at the dedication of our new West Wing last year. With wonderful understatement Dr. Ryan noted our new facilities "were a far cry from the early days." And Jewell remarked things were "pretty primitive compared to our modern quarters."

From our "Pine Street Bucket Brigade" to our present 575 personnel, 134 doctors, fourteen dentists, and our many Guild members, there has been a constant thread of dedication and commitment. From our first community donated funds to the present strong support and direction of individuals, agencies and organizations in our area, we have been able to realize our early hopes and dreams: Mercy's place among the nation's top ten percent in size and scope of medical service.

During this special July of 1976, we remember with pride and gratitude our first days. We thank and salute our community for working with us to improve its health care.

Sister Eileen Barrett
Administrator

THE PASSIONIST ORBIT **Summer 1976**

Father Urban O'Rourke, C.P. observed the 60th anniversary of Profession on July 2. Fr. Urban is chaplain at Mercy Hospital, Redding, California.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, August 14, 1976**

Hospital Offers Worry Antidote– . . . The Social Services Department was first established at Mercy Medical Center in 1972, when a hospital accreditation committee suggested such a service.

The idea was to fill the "crying need for someone to coordinate patients' care after they leave the hospital, as well as follow them through to full recovery," says Mrs. Lori Fowler.

She serves as part-time medical social worker and consultant to the department, while Mrs. Dee Hughes, the other member of the team, is a registered nurse.

"Dee saw that the needs of the total person were not being met in her years of nursing," says Mrs. Fowler. "She was challenged to help coordinate medical and social needs of the patient with the resources available in the community during and after hospitalization."

Together, they work to help the patients. They soothe fears about bills by helping with financial planning; they aid families in planning a patient's care when he or she leaves the hospital; they offer sympathy and support to distraught families of critically ill or deceased patients; and they handle requests from patients worried about families, animals or even plants.

It all adds up to a service which makes getting well easier. . . .

The Social Services Department is a growing one. A small volunteer group has just been established, and will, "in a pinch," provide transportation or go shopping or water plants for a patient. Student nurses work in the department two days a week and are thus exposed to "a broader view of patient care and discharge planning."

Finally, it seems, there is an antidote to worry–at least if you're in the hospital.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, August 17, 1976**

Mercy to Offer OB Services–By Glenn Hassenpflug

A special room for home deliveries away from home and provision for babies on the installment plan are two features in a planned expansion by Mercy Medical Center of its obstetrical service.

The hospital has reversed an earlier intention to leave the baby business entirely in the hands of Shasta General Hospital.

"We agreed in a meeting of the inner-city hospital group that probably one choice at least should be available to folks," said Mercy's medical director, Dell Gray.

Other reasons, said Gray, were the Catholic sisters' traditional interest in obstetrics and the desire of several doctors, forced by insurance costs to abandon obstetrics for a choice of hospitals.

Gray said the decision was not meant to reflect any criticism of Shasta General's program or desire to compete with that hospital's volume of 65 to 80 maternity patients a month.

Overcrowding at the county hospital–and the fact it is subsidized with tax monies–has aroused some concern in the medical community.

Shasta General's administrator, Jack Connelly, concedes: "Certainly, we have times when we have more patients in the maternity ward than the number of beds we're licensed for."

The hospital is licensed for eight maternity inpatients but has had as many as 13 at one time, Connelly said.

Mercy, which handles about 30 maternity cases a month now, would boost its capacity to 45 with the expansion, Gray said.

The plan is to move the prenatal and instructional part of Mercy's program out of the hospital. The likely site is the office building formerly occupied by Dr. James Roach at 1826 Sonoma St.

Dr. Lee Fulton, a Redding obstetrician who was forced by high malpractice insurance costs to abandon his private practice, has been asked to head the clinic. The insurance remains a problem but Fulton says he hopes to resolve it through association with the hospital.

All babies would continue to be delivered at the hospital. But the expansion would permit an innovation—the so-called "alternative birth center."

The idea is to "avoid the stereotyped, sterile, frightening atmosphere" of the hospital maternity room by providing a homelike delivery room complete with carpet and drapes, television set, pictures on the walls, hanging plants and a day bed for the father, said Gray.

"The mother would labor there and give birth there and remain there until she leaves the hospital," Gray said.

The room would be reserved for low-risk patients, he said.

Another feature of the expansion is an arrangement with local banks that would enable parents to spread the cost of delivery over a period "that probably exceeds the time of a normal pregnancy," said Gray.

Meanwhile, Shasta General has money budgeted in the current fiscal year for another delivery room. This, Connelly said, would help relieve the hospital's congestion.

PULSEBEAT **October, 1976**

Simpson Lee Paper Co. Aids In Patient Educational Programs—T. E. Reinhart, Operations Manager of the Simpson Lee Paper Company of Anderson, presented a check in the amount of $4,000 to Mercy Medical Center's Administrator, Sister Eileen Barrett, recently.

Mr. Grant Thompson, Mercy's Director of Development, stated the gift will be used for a patient educational program. He told us the T. V. sets in the patients' rooms will be capable of displaying closed circuit transmitted, specialized video tapes. The tapes will be purchased and internally produced. They will be designed for specific problems for which the individual patient is hospitalized.

Gifts such as Simpson Lee's have been of immense help in furthering Mercy's goal to bring outstanding health care to the very large area it serves.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, March 16, 1977**

Do You Have A Health Question? Call Tel-Med—Several years ago, a San Mateo lady became interested in Redding in general—and in Mercy Medical Center in particular after meeting Mrs. John X. Murphy at a local bank "while closing a deal."

As a result, a new phone-in medical service called Tel-Med (T-M) soon will become available to area residents.

Ms. Hazel A. Harkinson (who is delighted with that new designation for women) is the benefactor. She visited Mercy last week to see how one of her favorite charities is coming along.

She said that through Mrs. Murphy, Mercy Hospital Guild member, she first became interested in Mercy's gift shop and began making donations to it. She then met Sister Eileen Barrett and Jay Hudson of the administrative staff, and a friendship blossomed which has endured for some years.

When Ms. Harkinson learned of T-M through San Mateo's Mills Hospital (long aided by her both financially and through work as an auxiliary member), she offered to donate the entire installation to Mercy. The project has been underway about six months, and will begin Monday.

T-M is a nationwide program operating in 82 cities. It provides taped messages on a wide range of medical subjects which can be heard by phone by dialing a special T-M number, 244-6464. T-M hours will be 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. . . .

REDDING OUTLOOK **Wednesday, March 30, 1977**

A $400 check was donated to Mercy Hospital last week by the Beta Delta Chapter of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority to help support the hospital's radiation therapy facility. The donation was made in memory of Patricia Phillips, a sorority member who died four years ago from cancer. Money for the donation was raised at a fashion show earlier in the year. Sister Eileen Barrett, hospital administrator, accepted the check from sorority members Melanie Wilburn and Nancy White.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, March 31, 1977**

Medical Center Gets Shot In the Arm–$16,000–"I've already spent it!" laughed Sister Eileen Barrett, administrator for Mercy Medical Center.

She was referring to the check for $16,000 which was recently donated to the medical center by the Mercy Medical Center Guild from funds it raised throughout the year. The check was presented to Sister Eileen by Rosie Tallerico, president of the Guild.

The occasion for the donation was the guild's 19th annual meeting and awards ceremony. Organized in 1958, the guild provides a variety of volunteer services including a gift shop, an information desk, an escort service and a personal service. The amount of time guild members contributed in volunteer service this year totaled 13,216 hours.

Sister Eileen awarded pins to 30 of the guild members for cumulative hours of volunteer service. Heading the list with the greatest number of hours were Doris Murphy and Claudia Girimonte who both logged 6,000 hours; Frances Sass with 5,000 hours; and Nelcine McKinnon and Opal Rester with 4,000 hours of service.

According to Sister Eileen, the medical center will put the donated funds to use in telemetry. This involves monitoring units which enable patients to be up and around and have their heart beats recorded from a remote location. The hospital has purchased four telemetry units at a cost of $4,000 each.

Commenting on the time and money the guild has donated to the medical center, Sister Eileen said, "They're wonderful people, I love them all."

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, May 12, 1977**

Mercy Offers Public Programs–The public is invited to attend two special programs at Mercy Medical Center in Redding during National Hospital Week this week.

The "Support Group" program, which will be at 7:30 p.m. today in the hospital auditorium, deals with methods used by hospital personnel in handling suffering and death. The program strives to enhance understanding and strengthen support among patients, relatives and hospital employes.

A prayer breakfast will be offered between 8 and 9 a.m. Friday in the auditorium, with the public joining the medical staff and other hospital personnel in giving thanks

for "Mercy's opportunity to serve," according to Sister Eileen Barrett, hospital administrator.

Both the support group program and the breakfast are free of charge.

National Hospital Week is an annual observance sponsored by the American Hospital Association to give the public an opportunity to learn more about its community hospitals.

Old St. Joseph Cemetery, Blessed May 26, 1881 by Bishop Patrick Manogue

(Photo by Jean Moores Beauchamp)

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
IN
SHASTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Cemetery at Shasta was blessed June 20, 1855 by Joseph S. Alemany, O. P., Archbishop of San Francisco.

Cemetery at French Gulch was blessed June 24, 1855, by Joseph S. Alemany, O. P., Archbishop of San Francisco.

Cemetery at Horsetown was blessed May 17, 1857 by Joseph S. Alemany, O. P., Archbishop of San Francisco. (This cemetery is no longer in existence. The *Shasta Courier* reported no burials in this cemetery.)

St. Joseph Cemetery, Lincoln Street, Redding was blessed May 26, 1881 by Patrick Manogue, Coadjutor to Eugene O'Connell, Bishop of Grass Valley.

St. Joseph Cemetery and Mausoleum, Highway 299 West, was blessed July 7, 1942 by Robert J. Armstrong, Bishop of Sacramento.

As far as is known, no official records exist of the burials in the Catholic cemeteries in Shasta and French Gulch. Undoubtedly there were many people buried in these cemeteries whose headstones have disappeared, as well as many who were buried in unmarked graves.

Lists of the remaining headstones in these two cemeteries were obtained from the Shasta Historical Society and these lists are given here to preserve them for future generations when the elements and vandals have taken their toll of the stones. Included are the obituaries of some of these pioneers which may be important to their descendants who may be interested in genealogy. However, some obituaries may have been overlooked because the place of burial was not stated in the newspaper.

St. Mary's Church, Shasta

(Mullen Collection, Shasta Historical Society)

CATHOLIC CEMETERY
Shasta, California

List of headstones from archives of the Shasta Historical Society. Mrs. Beth Shuford, Custodian, 1975.

BELL, HENRY	b. Co. Antrim Ireland	d. Sept. 16, 1865 76 yrs.
BLUMB, HENRY Wife — Mary	b. 1835	d. 1924
BLUMB, MARY Husband — Henry	b. 1840	d. 1919
BOELL, ANGELICA	b. Dec. 25, 1825 Hessin, Darmstadt Germany	d. Aug. 23, 1889
BRENNAN, JOHN T. Wife — Hetty	b. Castle Comer Co. Kilkenny Ireland	d. Aug. 5, 1860 45 yrs.
BRINCARD, Mary Father — J. S. Mother — Katie A.		d. May 28, 1880 2 mo. 26 da.
BROWN, PAULINE		d. June 22, 1874
BUSH, JOHN Mother — Mrs. Catherine Bush A native of Co. Cork, Ireland	b. New Orleans d. Horsetown	d. May 29, 1860 7 yrs. 6 mo.
CONROY, DANIEL	b. Ireland	d. June 19, 1863

COUGHLIN, JAMES STEPHEN		d. Apr. 14, 1936, 69 yrs. 8 mo.
DONNOVAN, (FEMALE INFANT) Father – John Mother – Margaret		d. Oct. 3, 1862
DONNOVAN, MARGARET Husband – John	b. Co. Tipperary Ireland	d. Oct. 3, 1862 29 yrs.
FLAMMANG, ROSIELENA	b. Sept. 4, 1894 Oswego, Or.	d. Sept. 24, 1899
FLEMING, AGNES Husband – John		d. May 4, 1874 42 yrs.
FLEMING, JOHN Wife – Agnes		d. Mar. 8, 1879 52 yrs.
FLEMING, JOHN JR.	b. 1867	d. 1928
GARDEN, KATE Husband - John W.		d. Aug. 13, 1872 27 yrs. 5 mo.
GARDEN, SARAH Husband – John W.		d. Nov. 5, 1874 23 yrs. 11 mo.
GARRECHT, CATHERINE Husband – Theobald	b. Offenbach Bavaria	d. Dec. 13, 1870 68 yrs. 8 mo.
GARRECHT, THEOBALD Wife – Catherine	b. Offenbach Bavaria	d. Apr. 18, 1875 77 yrs. 2 mo.
GARRETT, MARY	b. July 19, 1864	d. March 3, 1903
GARY, CATHARINE FRANCE Daughter of H. & C. Gary	b. Oct. 1, 1863	d. July 27, 1864
HALEY, JAMES	b. Loughfarrell Co. Dublin Ireland	d. Oct. 24, 1862 35 yrs.

HICKEY, JOHN WM. Father – Michael Mother – Catharine		d. Mar. 21, 1862 1 yr. 5 mo.
HUGHES, DANIEL PATRICK		d. Feb. 10, 1876 9 yrs.
HUGHES, ISABELLA		d. Dec. 14, 1878 8 yrs. 6 mo.
HUGHES, LAURANCE	b. Co. Monahan Ireland	d. Feb. 16, 1872 53 yrs.
HUGHES, MARGARET J.		1 yr. 6 mo.
KEANE, JOSEPH M.	b. Aug. 31, 1904	d. July 10, 1905
KEENAN, HUGH Wife – M.		d. Aug. 30, 1873 67 yrs.
KEENAN, MARY ANN Father – Hugh Mother – M.		d. Aug. 1, 1866 14 yrs.
LARKIN, JOHN HENRY Father – Patrick Mother – Sarah E.		d.Apr. 6, 1880 7 mo. 25 da.
LARKIN, SARAH E. Husband – Patrick		d. Mar. 8, 1880 18 yrs. 2 mo.
LAUX, LENA	b. July 20, 1818 Darmstadt Germany	d. July 29, 1885
MACHADO, ROSE MARY		d. Infant
MAGAHAN, JAMES Brother – Peter	b. Co. Caven Ireland	d. Aug. 4, 1862 29 yrs.
MAHER, ELLEN Husband – Nicholas		d. July 3, 1857 32 yrs.

MAHER, JULIA Husband — Dennis	b. Parish of the Silver Mines Co. Tipperary Ireland	d. Jan. 28, 1859 38 yrs.
MARINANE, JOHN	b. Bantry Co. Cork Ireland	d. Nov. 5, 1860 25 yrs.
MC CARTY, HONORA Husband — Timothy Brother — John Donovan	b. Co. Cork Ireland	d. May 12, 1856 33 yrs.
MC CAULL, ALICE Father — Pearce		d. Aug. 8, 1863 1 yr. 6 mo.
MC CAULL, PEARCE	b. Dublin Ireland	d. Mar. 27, 1862 33 yrs.
MC DONALD, ALICE C. Father — Charles Mother — Mary		d. June 5, 1866 2 mo. 14 da.
MC DONALD, CHARLES MARCUS Father — Charles Mother — Mary		d. Apr. 24, 1871 1 yr. 7 mo. 11 da.
MC DONALD, ELLEN LEDDY Husband — Patrick	b. 1826	d. 1907
MC DONALD, JESSIE Father — Charles Mother — Mary		d. June 27, 1865 2 yr. 3 mo.
MC DONALD, JOHN Father — Patrick Mother — Ellen	b. Oct. 24, 1859	d. Oct. 19, 1883
MC DONALD, JULIA Father — Charles Mother — Mary		d. Jan. 21, 1865 2 mo. 22 da.
MC DONALD, PATRICK Wife — Ellen Leddy	b. 1820	d. 1891
MC DONALD, STEPHEN Father — Patrick Mother — Ellen	b. Dec. 26, 1865	d. July 9, 1879

MISCHLER, LIZZIE Daughter of J. & A. Mischler		d. July 20, 1868 6 yrs. 6 mo.
MORAN, CATHERINE		d. Dec. 27, 1862 42 yrs.
MOYLAN, BRIDGET 1st Husband — L. Hughes 2nd Husband — G. Dersch	b. Apr. 30, 1831 Co. Clare Ireland	d. Apr. 6, 1904
MULLEE, ANN Husband — Patrick	b. Ireland	d. Apr. 5, 1892 76 yrs.
MULLEE, PATRICK Wife — Ann	b. Ireland	d. Sept. 15, 1876 62 yrs. 6 mo.
O'NEIL, MARGARET AND CHILD Stone erected by William O'Neil	b. Rossca. Ireland	d. Nov. 15, 1857 35 yrs.
QUINN, DAVID	b. Ireland	d. June 20, 1901 76 yrs.
QUINN, TIMOTHY	b. Dec. 8, 1835 Ireland	d. Sept. 12, 1895
SCHAFTER, MEINRAD	b. Jan. 22, 1822 Germany	d. June 28, 1892
SCHROTER, AGATHA SCHAFTER	b. Apr. 23, 1861 Germany	d. Jan. 6, 1907
SCHWING, JOHN	b. Germany	d. Aug. 26, 1863 41 yrs.
SCHWING, JOSEPH	b. Germany	d. Feb. 5, 1879 52 yrs.
SHAFER, JACOB Father — John N. Mother — Katrina		d. Sept. 12, 1858 8 yrs.

SIMPSON, MARGARET Husband – James	b. Foxford, Tipperary Ireland	d. Sept. 16, 1857 24 yrs.
SLACK, DR. R. N.		d. Oct. 21, 1857 37 yrs.
SMITH, JAMES	b. Parish of Lava Co. Cavin Ireland	d. Feb. 23, 1862 30 yrs.
SULLIVAN, CORNELIUS		d. Nov. 25, 1885 67 yrs.
SWEENY, DANIEL Father – Daniel Mother – Hanah	b. Fall River, Mass. d. Horsetown, Cal.	d. Aug. 28, 1861 12 yrs.
THOMPSON, JOHN W. Father – William Mother – Mary		d. May 1, 1869 19 yrs.
THOMPSON, MARY ANN Father – William Mother – Mary		d. July 6, 1863 3 yrs.
TUNGATE, MARY ANN Father – Uriel Mother – Hannah		d. Aug. 25, 1862 10 mo. 25 da.
WEHRLY, GEORGE	b. Dec. 27, 1832 Rosenfeld France	d. Jan. 1, 1860
WEHRLY, JOSEPH	b. March 7, 1830 Rosenfeld France	d. Dec. 31, 1862
WEHRLY, JOSEPH Father – Joseph		d. Sept. 26, 1863 5 mo. 14 da.
WEHRLY, XAVER	b. Nov. 8, 1834 Rosenfeld France	d. Mar. 8, 1863

WISER, HURBERT A.	b. June 4, 1825 Louxembourg Germany	d. May 21, 1885
WISER, J. HENRY	b. June 22, 1866 Shasta Co. Cal.	d. Nov. 1, 1908
WISER, MARIA Husband — H. A. Wiser		d. Mar. 2, 1863 27 yrs.
WISER, SARAH Husband — H. A. Wiser	b. June 26, 1839 Galway Ireland	d. July 28, 1891
WYNNE, WM. Brother — Patrick	b. Co. Sligo Ireland	d. Dec. 27, 1858 29 yrs.
YAGER, F. W.	b. Vienna Austria	d. Nov. 6, 1857
YANK, LOUIS Stone erected by his brother	b. France	d. June 2, 1863 29 yrs.
ZORN, HENRY	b. Lotteringen France	d. Jan. 10, 1863 37 yrs.

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT Saturday, October 27, 1962

Gravestones Trace County History—On a hill which marks the western boundary of the town of Shasta is an almost forgotten Catholic cemetery.

In the last half of the 19th century it was well-tended. Here the dead from many countries of Europe as well as the United States were buried. In the last 50 years it has been neglected. Manzanita shrubs, scrub oak trees and brush have been allowed to grow wild and to hide the cemetery's small marble monuments and simple markers.

As a special project, members of Boy Scout troop 26 cleaned away the brush and undergrowth last Saturday. They were helped by members of the Redding Knights of Columbus, which sponsors the troop.

Catholic Cemetery At Shasta, Blessed June 20, 1855 by Archbishop Joseph Sadoc Alemany, O.P.

The narrow, rectangular cemetery stretches from almost the top of the hill to a bluff 300 feet away above Highway 299.

As the Scouts cleared away the brush and undergrowth, they uncovered markers revealing cryptic histories of many Shasta county pioneers.

One F. W. Yager, who was born in the Vienna of Schubert and Metternich, died in frontier Shasta County in 1857.

Angelica Boell, born in Hessen–Darmstadt, Germany on Christmas day, died in this county in 1889. Her marker says, "thy kind words and good counsel will be missed at home."

A native of France but a man with an appropriately American surname, Louis Yank was buried in the cemetery in 1863.

Possibly half of those buried in the cemetery were Irishmen. They came from almost every county in Ireland. A typical gravestone reads, "To the Memory of John T. Brennen who departed this life Aug. 5, 1860 in the 45th year of his life, a native of Castle Comer, county of Kilkenny, Ireland, May his Soul rest in peace, amen."

One marker expresses the grief of parents whose 11 month old son had died. It says:

We miss thee from our home, dear,
We miss thee from this place.
The shadow of our life is cast,
We miss the sunshine of your face.

As if in answer to this lament, another rhymed epitaph on a marker a few feet away says:

Weep for us not, parents dear,
We are not dead but sleeping here.
We were not yours but God's alone.
He thought best to take us home.

There is terse good humor on the gravestone of one James Smith, a native of county Cavin, Ireland, who died in his 30th year. It cautions:

Remember, Friend, as you pass by,
As you are now, so once was I
As I am now, so you must be,
Prepare for death and follow me.

Knights of Columbus have removed most of the brush from the cemetery. It can be seen from Highway 299 westward out of Shasta. In addition to the Catholic cemetery, there is a Protestant cemetery dating from the same period in Shasta. Reportedly, there are old Jewish and Chinese cemeteries there, also.

BELL, HENRY

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 23, 1865**

Died at Eagle Creek, Sept. 16th, Henry Bell, aged 76 years.

BLUMB, HENRY

WEEKLY SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, January 24, 1924**

Pioneer Of The Old Town Of Shasta Passes On—

Shasta, January 17.—Henry Blumb, pioneer who came to this old town by way of the isthmus in 1854, died here at 11:30 last evening at the age of 89 years. Owing to a stroke of paralysis six years ago, he had been almost helpless ever since. However, he retained his mental faculties and was a great reader of the newspapers as he lay propped up in bed at his home, where his daughter, Mrs. Amelia Early, was his constant companion.

The decedent was a baker by trade. He was born in Bensheim, Germany, February 20, 1835. He arrived in New York at the age of seventeen and lived there and in Boston about two years. Coming to California in 1854, Blumb made a short stay in Colusa county before coming to Shasta, where he resided ever since. Here he was married and opened a bakery which he conducted until he was stricken by paralysis.

Henry Blumb was a very methodical man. For years and years he made his daily trips from home to the bakery and back again, never stepping out of the beaten path. He was never in Redding half a dozen times in his life.

The decedent became an American by naturalization on January 22, 1859, then aged 24 years.

He always took a keen interest in the welfare of his country. He took pride in giving all his sons and daughters a good education. His wife died four years ago. He was then so helpless he could not leave the home to attend the funeral.

The pioneer was the father of Mrs. Amelia C. Early of Shasta, Henry Blumb of Seattle, Joseph L. Blumb of Berkeley, Mrs. Lena Oliver of Engelmine and Mrs. Harry Davidson of Berkeley.

The time of the funeral will not be fixed until the absent sons and daughters arrive.

BLUMB, MRS. MARY

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, May 11, 1919**

Pioneer Woman Of The Good Old Town Of Shasta Passes—

Shasta, May 10.—Mrs. Mary Blumb, wife of the pioneer baker, passed away in the family home here at 10 o'clock this morning. She had been in failing health for a long time, but her condition only recently was considered worse than that of her venerable husband, who has been helpless from paralysis since a year ago last November.

Mrs. Blumb was in her eightieth year. She was born in Offenbach, Germany, in 1840, and came to Shasta in 1860. Here she was married in that year. Mr. and Mrs. Blumb celebrated the fifty-eighth anniversary of their wedding only a few months ago.

The decedent leaves, in addition to her husband, these sons and daughters: Mrs. Amelia Early, Shasta; Mrs. Lena Oliver, Shasta; Mrs. Henry Davidson and Joseph L. Blumb, Berkeley, and Henry Blumb Jr., Seattle. The last arrived here last week.

The funeral will be held from the Catholic church here at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be made in the Shasta cemetery.

BOELL, ANGELICA

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 25, 1867**

Married—In Shasta, May 21st, by Hon. C. C. Bush, County Judge, Mr. Charles Boell to Mrs. Angelica Zorn.

(Accompanying the above notice was the usual printer's tribute, for which we return the happy couple our sincere thanks, with wishes for their future welfare.)

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 24, 1889**

Death of Mrs. Angelica Boell—It is with regret that we chronicle the death of Mrs. Angelica Boell, which occurred at her residence on Main Street, Shasta, at 8 o'clock Friday morning. For months she suffered with that terrible disease, cancer, and has known that her case was hopeless. Calmly, and with noble Christian fortitude, she has endured the pangs of poignant suffering and resignedly awaited the hour of her pure soul's departure for the Kingdom where the God she worshipped reigns eternal. Mrs. Boell was a pioneer resident of this county and leaves three daughters, Mrs. S. Hull, Mrs. John Clements and Miss Clementena Zorn besides grand children, and other relatives, and a host of friends to mourn her departure. No more affectionate parent, kinder friend or warm hearted and generous neighbor than Mrs. Boell ever walked this green earth. But her life work is over and we shall miss her kindly greeting and hear her cheery voice no more. She was a native of Germany, and aged 64. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock A. M. this Saturday.

BRENNAN, JOHN

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 11, 1860**

Drowned—We regret to state that one of our most esteemed citizens, John Brennan, of Middle Creek, while directing a raft of timber on the Sacramento river, above the mouth of Middle Creek, was precipitated therefrom into the stream and drowned. A Mr. Lacy, who was on the raft at the time, succeeded in reaching the shore, by swimming. Deceased was a brother of Michael and Terrence Brennan. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn their irreparable and terrible loss. The unhappy event occurred on the 5th inst.

A large number of the friends of deceased have been using every effort during the week to recover his body, but as yet without avail. A boom has been placed across the river a distance below the place where the drowning occurred, and it is hoped that by that means the body, when it rises, will be secured.

P. S. We have just learned that the body of Mr. Brennan was recovered this (Friday) morning, about a mile and a-half below the spot where the drowning occurred.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 11, 1860**

Was drowned, in the Sacramento River, on the 5th inst., John Brennan, a native of Castle Comer, County Killkenney, Ireland; aged about 45 years.

BRINCARD, MARY

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 31, 1879**

Married—At Foster's Hotel, May 26th, by J. W. Spann, J. P., Mr. James S. Brincard, of Centerville, to Miss Katie A. Burns, of Shasta.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 31, 1879**

Under the head of married it will be seen that James S. Brincard and Miss Katie A. Burns have enlisted under the matrimonial banner. It was their intention to have been married by Rev. Father Hunt, but he was unable to be present on account of sickness. We wish them the utmost happiness, and a pleasant voyage on the matrimonial sea. The usual compliments acknowledged.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 6, 1880**

Born—In Centerville, March 2, to the wife of James Brincard, a Son.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 13, 1880**

Our informant was mistaken last week in the item of births. Mr. and Mrs. James Brincard are the parents of a daughter instead of a son, as stated.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 5, 1880**

On Sunday last the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Brincard was buried at Shasta. The sympathy of the entire community goes forth to them in their sorrow.

READING INDEPENDENT **Thursday, June 10, 1880**

Died—At Centerville, May 28, 1880, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Brincard, aged 2 months and 26 days.

BROWN, PAULINE

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 18, 1874**

Died—At Grizzly Gulch, Shasta county, Cal. June 23d, Pauline Brown, native of Bavaria and sister of Jacob Koenig of Bavaria, aged 55 years.

The "California Democrat" and Portland, Oregon, papers, please copy.

From papers on file in the office of the County Clerk, Shasta County Courthouse, Redding:

John Harrison, executor of estate of Pauline Brown
Fifty-six dollars for coffin & case & hearse
Services digging grave for burial of Mrs. Pauline Brown
D. P. Bystle

Shasta, Aug. 20th, 1874

The estate of Mrs. Pauline Brown
For tolling bell at funeral $2.00

Received payment
Geo. C. Downer

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, October 27, 1960**

School Sues Judge in 100-Year Old Whiskeytown Case—A lady tavern owner who died almost 100 years ago and a school house soon to be buried beneath a lake have created a legal situation which finds the Whiskeytown school district suing Superior Judge Richard B. Eaton.

The lady was Pauline Brown. When she died in 1874 she left to her only heir, Jacob Koenig, a horse and bridle, pigeons, the bar room stove, $200 worth of wines and liquors, and 60 acres of land near Whiskeytown.

Koenig died. The executor of the Brown estate died. Whiskeytown built its present school on half an acre of the 60 recorded in the Brown estate. Apparently no

title to this school property was ever recorded—none has been found—but because the school has occupied the land continuously for more than 20 years and has paid taxes continuously for more than the past five years there is no question but what the land belongs to the school.

The technicality of title must be settled in court however.

The school district can sue neither the late Mrs. Brown nor her long dead executor. It must have absolute title to the land before it can sell the school property to the bureau of reclamation. The bureau must buy the site because Whiskeytown reservoir waters will bury it.

Therefore, the school district has brought suit against Judge Eaton.

In 1948, when Judge Eaton was a practicing lawyer, he had himself appointed executor of the Brown estate to satisfy a legal technicality. Others, suing to quiet titles to lands recorded only as Brown property, thus had someone to sue.

When the school district suit comes to court, Judge Eaton, as appointed executor, will not contest it. The district title will become established. The district will be able to sell its land.

BUSH, JOHN

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 2, 1860**

Died at Horsetown, on the 29th ult., John Bush, son of Mrs. Catherine Bush, of typhoid fever, aged 8 years.

CONROY

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 24, 1865**

Funerals—Two large funeral processions from Horsetown passed through Shasta during the week to the Catholic Cemetery. The one followed a deceased child of B. Conroy and the other that of R. Thompson. We have not been furnished with any particulars for our obituary heading.

NOTE: *This child of B. Conroy may have been Margaret Conroy.*

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA **Friday, November 6, 1863**

Born—In Horsetown, Shasta county, Oct. 25th, to the wife of Bernard Conroy, a daughter.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Margaret Conroy b. Oct. 25, 1863 bap. Jan 17, 1864
Parents: Bernard Conroy and Mary Flannigan
Sponsors: Patrick Flynn and Catherine Murphy

NOTE: *Father: Bernard Conroy, died March 24, 1906*
Buried Old St. Joseph Cemetery, Redding
Mother: Mary Flannigan, May 12, 1833—July 10, 1890
Buried Old St. Joseph Cemetery, Redding

CONROY, DANIEL

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA **Thursday, June 25, 1863**

Died—At Horsetown, Shasta county, June 19th, Daniel Conroy, aged about 50 years.

COOPER, CHARLES H.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 12, 1889**

Charles H. Cooper, mining partner of E. M. Dixon, died at their home near Horsetown on Monday morning and was buried here in the Catholic cemetery on Tuesday. Deceased has been unwell for a number of years and taking medicines most of the time. He was a native of Ireland and aged 55 years. Charley was a generous and warm-hearted man, and a steadfast and faithful friend. With his departure goes another one of the old guard of miners who have served to show for years that Horsetown district was still inhabited. Dixon will find the old place lonely, now that his old pard has gone and silently sleeps on the Shasta hill.

COUGHLIN

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, January 19, 1899**

Born in this city Thursday morning, to the wife of Stephen Coughlin, a daughter—weight, three pounds.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Friday, January 20, 1899**

The child born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Coughlin in this city Thursday morning died that afternoon at 3 o'clock. The little one was buried at Shasta Friday morning.

COUGHLIN, MRS. BRIDGET

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 17, 1860**

Married at Middletown, on 12th inst., by Rev. Father O'Reilly, Mr. Jeremiah Caughlin to Miss Bridget Murphy.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, December 27, 1890**

We learn that Mrs. Coughlin, an old resident of the county, and mother of Dan Coughlin, lately deceased, died and will be buried in Shasta to-day.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 27, 1890**

Mrs. Bridget Coughlin died at her home in Horsetown Thursday, and will be buried in the Catholic cemetery, Shasta, this Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M. In the death of the pioneer lady mentioned the lamp of life went out of a noble, patient, good-hearted woman, and affectionate mother. If the Good Shepherd makes room for those who live correct lives on this earth, Mrs. Coughlin is now at home in heaven. Death, sooner or later, puts the seal of silence on all. Let us live and strive while we may to do the best we know and can, hoping and believing there is a reward in a better land.

COUGHLIN, DANIEL

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 29, 1863**

In Horsetown, on the 23d, the wife of Jeremiah Caughlin, of a son.

BAPTISMAL RECORD, Red Bluff

Daniel Coughlin b. Aug. 23, 1863 bap. Sept. 13, 1863
Parents: Jeremiah Coughlin and Bridget Murphy
Sponsors: Peter Wynn and Mary Maher

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 29, 1890**

Dan W. Coughlan, son of the late Jerry Coughlan of Horsetown, died at Redding Thursday night, aged 27 years. He was in the employ of the McCormick, Saeltzer Co. for the past several years. His funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon at the Catholic cemetery at Shasta.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, November 29, 1890**

Dan Coughlin Dead—How brittle is the thread of life! On Sunday last Daniel W. Coughlin complained of stitches in his side; on Thursday evening, about 11 o'clock, he was a corpse, his death being caused by pneumonia.

Dan was raised in Shasta county, in the old town of Horsetown. For nine years past he had occupied a place of confidence in the store of The McCormick, Saeltzer Company, having charge of the hardware department. Dan was of a social disposition and made a host of friends, who are profuse in their regrets of his early and sudden demise. His age was 27 years, 7 months, and 5 days. The funeral will take place from the Paragon hotel at 2 o'clock to-day; interment at Shasta.

COUGHLIN, JAMES STEPHEN, SR.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 18, 1866**

Births—In Horsetown, Aug. 10th, the wife of Jeremiah Caughlin, of a son.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, April 18, 1936**

Many Old Friends Pay Tribute To Memory Of Councilman Coughlin—The community paid tribute Friday to one of its most respected citizens, James Stephen Coughlin, business man, city council member and former mayor of Redding. A host of friends, many of them of lifelong standing, gathered at St. Joseph's Catholic Church for the funeral of Mr. Coughlin, who passed on suddenly Tuesday night.

Rev. A. T. Gavin read the requiem mass, assisted by Rev. Thomas Kirby, at 9 o'clock.

Burial was made by the Home Undertaking Company in the old Catholic cemetery in Shasta, in the Coughlin family plot, beside Mr. Coughlin's wife and a son, Stephen, who passed on a few years ago.

James Stephen Coughlin, 1866-1936
(Courtesy Mr. & Mrs. Dan Coughlin)

Pallbearers were Louis V. Wolf, Earl L. Kelley, W. J. Thompson, Michael Fitzgerald, Joseph Hickey and Matthew Twomey. Assisting these in the ascent to the hilltop cemetery were A. H. Gronwoldt, Winfred Wright and E. E. Dick.

COUGHLIN, JAMES STEPHEN, JR.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, December 31, 1929**

Inquest Today Into Death Of Coughlin Boy; Rites Are Set—

High requiem mass will be sung this morning at 9 o'clock for James Stephen Coughlin Jr., 24, son of J. S. Coughlin, councilman and former mayor of this city, who died Sunday morning from injuries received in an automobile accident.

The services will take place in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with Rev. Alphonsus Gavin, assisted by Rev. Joseph Madden, officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery at Shasta beside the grave of the young man's mother, who died two years ago.

Coroner Elmer D. Larkin will conduct the inquest this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the chapel of the Home Undertaking Company, which has had charge of the body.

The accident, in which Stephen Coughlin received a double fracture of the skull, occurred at 3 o'clock Sunday morning and he died six hours later without regaining consciousness.

James Stephen Coughlin Jr. was born in Keswick, June 8, 1905, and spent much of his life in Shasta county. He was a graduate of the Shasta Union High School and attended the University of Santa Clara three years, leaving college at the time of his mother's death. For about a year he had been in the employ of the state highway commission as a member of a surveying crew, with his most recent headquarters in the Feather River valley at Virgilia. He had come home for the holidays and would have returned to work about the middle of January. . . .

Young Coughlin was a fine lad, admired by all who knew him, and his tragic loss is felt keenly without as well as within the home circle.

COUGHLIN, JEREMIAH

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 14, 1888**

Jeremiah Coughlin, one of the pioneers of Horsetown, was called from this world on Thursday of last week, and was buried in the Shasta Catholic cemetery last Saturday. He was a native of Ireland, and aged 52 years. Industrious, honest and kind to all and affectionate to his family, it is a pity to see such a man removed from the world. A devoted wife, three sons and a daughter are left to lament his demise.

COUGHLIN, JERRY

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 23, 1868**

Births—In Horsetown, May 15, the wife of Jeremiah Coughlin, of a son.

BAPTISMAL RECORD, Red Bluff

Jeremiah Coughlin bap. Sept. 1868
Parents: Jeremiah Coughlin and Bridget Murphy
Sponsors: Michael Hickey and Ann Wynn

THE FREE PRESS **Thursday, April 30, 1903**

Jerry Coughlin Answers Call—Popular Young Man Succumbs To Ravages of Typhoid Malaria.

Jerry Coughlin, one of the most prominent young men of Redding, and who for many years had been employed by the McCormick-Saeltzer Company, died Thursday afternoon at 12:15 o'clock at the home of his brother Stephen Coughlin, on West Street, this city. . . .

Jerry Coughlin was a native of Shasta county, having been born in old Horsetown

in May, 1868. He has lived in the county continuously and was well and favorably known throughout the entire county.

For many years he had been a trusted employe of the McCormick-Saeltzer Company, and was driver of one of the Big Store delivery wagons at the time of his death.

Jerry Coughlin was a good-natured, whole-souled young man who had hosts of friends and no enemies. He was always cheerful and obliging and won the esteem and respect of everyone with whom he came in contact. He was a member of Liberty Hose Company No. 2, of the Redding Fire Department, and of McCloud Parlor No. 149, Native Sons of the Golden West, of this city, and the members of the parlor will attend the funeral in a body. He leaves a sister, Miss Tessie Coughlin, manager of the Postal Telegraph office in this city and one brother, Stephen Coughlin, an employe of the Big Store.

The funeral will take place Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of Stephen Coughlin on West street and interment will be in the cemetery at Shasta.

THE FREE PRESS **Monday, May 4, 1903**

Laid At Rest In Old Shasta—All that was mortal of Jerry Coughlin was laid at rest Sunday afternoon in the little Catholic cemetery on the hill overlooking the old town of Shasta. The funeral cortege that started from the home of Stephen Coughlin in this city at 10 o'clock Sunday morning was one of the largest ever witnessed in the county. There were fully three quarters of a mile of carriages and vehicles containing friends and acquaintances who journeyed to the old town to pay the last sad respects to the departed.

The services were held at the Union church in Shasta and were solemn and impressive. Rev. Father Nugent of the Catholic church of this city officiated. At the grave the Native Sons burial ceremony was read. The floral pieces were beautiful and numerous. A broken wheel sent by the members of the Redding Fire Department and one from the Native Sons were the most prominent.

The pallbearers were Al Young, Ed. S. Reynolds, Ed. Leonard, Dudley Saeltzer, Willie Carr, Marion Nordyke.

COUGHLIN, MRS. MARY

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, April 8, 1893**

Married in Red Bluff, on Monday, April 3d, J. S. Coughlin, clerk in the McCormick-Saeltzer Company's store, and Miss Minnie Klukkert of Anderson.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, July 13, 1927**

Mrs. Mary Coughlin, Wife of City Trustee, Died Tuesday Morning—

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Coughlin, wife of City Trustee J. Stephen Coughlin, who died at a local hospital yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock, will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. There will be services in the Catholic church and interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

Mrs. Coughlin had been in ill health for over a year and hopes of saving her life were abandoned several weeks ago. Her condition grew rapidly worse and on several occasions lately it was believed she would pass away.

Mrs. Coughlin was a native of Missouri, aged 53 years. She came to California with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Klukkert in 1881, and the family settled at Anderson. For a few years after marriage she and her husband lived near Anderson, but of recent years had lived in Redding, where her husband was interested in the City Bakery with his brother-in-law, Ben Klukkert.

Surviving, besides the widower are the following: Stephen Coughlin, Richard Coughlin and Daniel Coughlin, sons; Miss Lillian Klukkert of San Francisco and Mrs. Jennie Hess of Ashland, Oregon, sisters; John Klukkert of Anderson, Ben Klukkert of Redding, Garrett Klukkert of Medford, Oregon, Harry Klukkert of Loyalton, Fritz Klukkert of Delhi, New York, brothers. Mrs. Teresa Croney, sister of Mr. Coughlin, and Mrs. Coughlin's sisters were at the bedside when death came.

CURRY, JAMES

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, Oct. 6, 1883**

Death of a Pioneer—James Curry, an old pioneer, died this forenoon at 10 o'clock at the residence of this daughter, Mrs. Maggie Johnson, corner of Jefferson and Hickory streets. He was a native of Ireland and came to California in 1850, and resided two years in Sacramento, when he moved with his family to Horsetown, Shasta county, where he lived until nine years ago, when he moved to Red Bluff. His wife died at Horsetown about ten years ago and was buried in the Catholic cemetery by the side of her son, a young man who died five years before at the age of 23 years. The deceased has been suffering for the past five or six years with consumption, and has been confined to his room more or less for the last three years. . . . His funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence. He leaves two daughters—Mrs. Maggie Johnson of this place and Mrs. R. T. Irwin of Sacramento.—*Cause*

NOTE: *James Curry was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Red Bluff, California.*

CURRY, JAMES W.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 5, 1869**

Died—In Shasta, June 4th, of measles, James W. Curry, aged 16 years and 8 months. Funeral to-day, at 2 P. M.

DALY, JOHANNAH

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 27, 1866**

Died—At Horsetown, Oct. 23d, Johannah, wife of James Daly, Esq., a native of county Cork, Ireland, aged 33 years.

San Francisco and Boston papers please copy.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 27, 1866**

Sad Indeed—On Tuesday morning last, at the residence of her husband, after an illness of a few hours, Mrs. James Daly departed this life. A noble wife, a good mother, and one of those most esteemed in her circle of acquaintance, thus suddenly taken, has thrown a gloom over the community in which she resided that will not soon be dissipated. Her husband has lost a wife to whom he was entirely devoted, five little children have lost an affectionate mother, no more to be replaced on earth, and every one acquainted with the deceased feels as if one had departed more dear than any left. His ways are inscrutible, and it is hard for human understanding to comprehend why one so loved, and so useful in this sphere should be so suddenly removed to another; yet the sad reality is before us; and we humbly submit.

The husband, and five little ones now motherless, have the warmest sympathies of all, and it is to be hoped that time will soften the blow, and make life's burthens easy to bear, even without the presence of the wife and mother so dearly loved, and now so much missed.

NOTE: *The Red Bluff Baptismal Register gives the name of the wife of James Daly as Ann Quinn. The obituary for Timothy Quinn states that "he was buried by the side of his sister, in the old Shasta cemetery." Johannah Daly may have been the sister of Timothy and David Quinn.*

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 29, 1900**

The remains of Mrs. Jas. Daly who died at Horsetown thirty years ago, were removed from the Shasta Catholic cemetery and shipped to Vallejo to be re-buried. The Daly family are remembered by a number here, Jas. Daly having been a prominent politician, and a candidate for sheriff of this county, in 1868.

DONOVAN, JOHN

THE FREE PRESS **Friday, July 28, 1905**

John Donovan Dies Near Cottonwood—John Donovan, who lived in a cabin seven miles west of Cottonwood, across the line in Tehama county, was found dead Thursday morning by D. E. Masterson, who lives on the Elmore place and near Donovan's.

Mr. Masterson notified the Tehama county coroner and an inquest was held. It is not known how long the old man had been dead.

John Donovan was an old and well known resident of Tehama county. He was a native of Ireland and about 87 years of age. He was naturalized in San Francicso September 6, 1853, and came to Tehama county shortly afterwards, and purchased the ranch on which he died. He carried on a successful stock-raising and ranching business for many years.

John Donovan was a pioneer of Shasta county and lived in the Muletown section for years before moving to Tehama.

The body will be brought to Redding Friday night and taken to Shasta for burial.

DUNLEVY, ANTHONY

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 29, 1859**

Miner Killed—Anthony Dunlevy, a miner, was killed on Squaw Flat, near Horsetown, on Friday evening the 21st inst., by the caving of a bank. He was an Irishman by birth, and has a family living in Wisconsin. His corpse was brought to this place by a large number of citizens of Horsetown, and buried in the Catholic burying ground.

We are informed that this is the sixth casualty of the kind that has occurred in the mines near Horsetown within the past two years.

FLAMMANG, ROSIELENA

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, September 26, 1899**

Death of a Little Girl—Little Lena Fleming, aged 5 years, whose parents reside at Keswick, died Sunday from a severe attack of malarial fever. She was buried Monday at Shasta. Undertaker T. J. Houston conducted the funeral.

FLEMING, AGNES

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 16, 1874**

Died at Brandy Creek, May __, Agnes, wife of John Flemming.

FLEMING, JOHN

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 15, 1879**

The sudden death of John Flemming, an old pioneer of this county, caused great surprise to his friends. He was a man of iron constitution, but for years has exposed himself to every inclemency of weather and laid himself open to every accident that was liable to befall a man following his precarious business. The deceased was a man of generous impulses and when his heart was touched by that magic wand of human sympathy which makes the world akin, he was the very embodiment of generosity. He was 52, a native of Ireland.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 15, 1879**

The remains of John Flemming were interred in the Catholic cemetery last Monday afternoon, he being a believer in that faith. He now reposes by the side of his wife who some years ago preceeded him to that "bourne from whence no traveler returns."

FLEMMING, JOHN, JR.

BAPTISMAL RECORD, Red Bluff

John Fleming December 4, 1867
Parents: John Fleming and Agnes Burns
Sponsors: Carl Davis and Ann Casey

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, January 14, 1928**

John Fleming, Pioneer Whiskytown Miner, Dead At Age of 62—John Fleming, pioneer miner of the county, having lived in the Whiskytown district for many years and prospected and mined with varying success, died in the county hospital yesterday about noon. He had been in the hospital three days and was being treated for asthma.

Fleming was a native of California, 62 years of age. His only relative, so far as known, is a half brother, Charles Burns of this city. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, January 15, 1928**

Fleming Funeral Tuesday—Funeral services for John Fleming will be held next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the Catholic church, Rev. A. Gavin officiating. Interment will be in the Catholic cemetery at Shasta. Fleming, a pioneer Whiskytown miner died Friday.

GARDEN, KATE

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 17, 1866**

Married—In Shasta, Feb. 11th, by Rev. Father McNulty, J. W. Garden, Tax Collector of Shasta county, to Miss Kate Newman.

The two latter, being citizens of our town, and within reach of the printer, made manifest their exceeding happiness by placing at his disposal a bountiful supply of cake and wine. Would that their like would marry every day. May their wedded life be as fruitful as the cake, and their enjoyments sparkling as the wine.

"Our Maker bids increase; who bids abstain
But our destroyer, foe to God and man."

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 17, 1872**

Died—At the residence of Chas. McDonald, in Shasta, August 13th 1872, Katie N. Garden, wife of John W. Garden, aged 27 years 5 months and 3 days.

The funeral of the departed was one of the largest ever witnessed in Shasta. She will be sadly missed by a large circle of relatives and friends who will long cherish her memory, for she possessed those good qualities of mind and heart which naturally attract friends and win affection. Her husband and relatives have the sympathy of our people in this time of affliction.

GARDEN, SARAH

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 21, 1874**

Married—At Janesville, Feb. 14th, 1874 by H. H. Shuffleton, J. P., John W. Garden to Miss Sarah M. Meagher.

The above notice was accompanied with the usual token of regard for the printer. Good luck to you and yours, Jack.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 7, 1874**

Died at Janesville Nov. 5th, Sarah, wife of J. W. Garden, aged 23 years, 11 months and 21 days.

Funeral in Shasta, Saturday Nov. 7th, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., at the Catholic Church.

GARRECHT, MRS. CATHERINE

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 17, 1870**

Died—At Shasta Dec. 13th, Mrs. Katharina Garrecht, aged 68 years and 8 months.

GARRECHT, THEOBALD

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 24, 1875**

Died at Shasta, April 18th, Theobald Garrecht, aged 77 years and 2 months.

Deceased was born in Offenbach by Laudau, Rheinpfaltz, where he married and resided until 1860. Of the 11 children born to him, several had emigrated to California, and although advanced in years, he determined, in 1860, to leave the land of his birth and risk his life on the ocean to cast his fortune with his children in California. And in the year mentioned, he sold out his property and emigrated to this State, and settled in Shasta, where he resided until his death. His faithful wife died here about four years ago.

Mr. Garrecht was a good citizen of his adopted country, an honest and upright man in all his relations of life, and we chronicle his demise with feelings of sorrow and regret.

GARRETT, MARY

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 25, 1863**

Births—In Middletown, on the 20th inst., the wife of M. B. Hickey, of a daughter.

BAPTISMAL RECORD, Red Bluff

Mary Hickey b. Mar. 19, 1863 bap. Aug. 5, 1863
Parents: Michael Hickey and Catherine Murphy
Sponsors: Patrick Mormon and Sarah Maher

THE FREE PRESS **Monday, March 9, 1903**

Wife Of Prominent San Francisco Journalist Called Home—Mrs. Minnie Garrett, wife of Thomas Garrett, managing editor of the *San Francisco Post*, died at Mt. Zion hospital, San Francisco, Sunday afternoon at half past five o'clock. Her death was the result of an operation performed about three weeks ago. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon, March 11th, in Shasta, in which town the deceased was born.

Minnie Hickey was born in Shasta thirty-nine years ago. Her parents conducted a hotel at old Middletown (now Centerville) for several years. Shortly after the death of her mother, Minnie Hickey was sent to Grass Valley, where she attended the Catholic convent for a number of years.

Mrs. Mary Garrett, 1863-1903
(Courtesy Mr. & Mrs. Dan Coughlin)

She then came to Redding and entered the millinery and dressmaking parlors then conducted by Mrs. Marshall Mitchell. Miss Hickey displayed much talent in the way of fitting and creating styles and fashions.

While here she became acquainted with Thomas Garrett, who then conducted the livery stables now owned by M. R. Adams. They became engaged. Shortly afterwards Mr. Garrett left Redding and went to San Francisco. A year after his departure Miss Hickey joined him and they were married. That was fourteen years ago, and Mr. and Mrs. Garrett have lived in San Francisco ever since, Mr. Garrett following the newspaper business and his wife conducting dressmaking parlors. At the time of her death she was one of the two most prominent and prosperous modistes in the metropolis and had a force of thirty ladies working for her.

For four weeks she had been confined in Mt. Zion hospital, being treated for liver troubles. Two operations were performed three weeks ago and she never recovered from the effects.

Her father, Michael Hickey, was one of Shasta's early pioneers.

The remains will be buried by those of her parents in the old cemetery in the pioneer mining town that was the place of her birth.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Wednesday, March 11, 1903**

Funeral Services Over Mrs. Garrett's Bier—The body of Mrs. Thomas Garrett was brought to Redding in a special car attached to the overland train Wednesday morning, and was accompanied by the bereaved husband, Rev. Father Ramm, the pallbearers and a small party of sorrowing friends.

The services for the repose of Mrs. Garrett, held at the Catholic church Wednesday morning, were solemn and touching. As soon as the remains reached the church Rev. Father McGrath was prepared to receive them at the church door and preceded them to the sanctuary railing, where the casket was placed on a bier prepared for it.

The first mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Father McGrath and served by Rev. Father Ramm at 8 o'clock. The second mass, also of requiem, was celebrated by Rev. Father Ramm and served by Rev. Father McGrath. After the mass was over the Rev. Celebrant read the funeral service and gave the absolutions. He then preached an earnest and touching sermon to a large congregation of dear friends and relatives of the

deceased. The devout worshippers were visibly affected by the earnest discourse.

The side altars were decorated with ivy, spring blossoms and artificial flowers by Miss Jessie Dunn and Miss Tessie Coughlin.

At the close of the service the funeral cortege started for Shasta, where the remains were laid at rest in the old cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 14, 1903**

Mrs. Thomas Garrett—Mrs. Thomas Garrett, wife of the managing editor of the *San Francisco Post*, died Sunday in that city, of blood poisoning resulting from an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Garrett, formerly Miss Minnie Hickey, was born at Middletown. Part of her life was spent in Shasta, and from this town, an orphaned girl, she started out to make her way in the world. She had the power to do so in the skill of her fingers, and she was afterward known as one of the most clever designers of gowns on the coast. Further good fortune came to her in the affection of Thomas Garrett whom she met in this county.

At the close of a busy life she returned, a wan and weary pilgrim, to the holy land where sainted Memory stood enshrined above the ashes of her dead.

Funeral services were held in San Francisco and Redding, with all the honors the living can show the departed. The interment took place in the Catholic cemetery, Shasta, Rev. Father Ramm officiating. In the City the sermon was preached by Bishop Montgomery.

There have never been such an elaborate display of costly flowers in the county. There were many large and striking designs in roses, violets and lilies. Among the givers were Governor Pardee, Messrs. Belasco and Meyer, Mrs. Garrett's employees, the employees of the *Evening Post*, and W. R. Hearst.

Sweeter than the bank of floral tokens were the words spoken in praise of the one who has fallen asleep beneath the fragrant canopy. They bear record of good deeds—the promptings of a sympathetic heart which is the heritage and birthright handed down to the children of those who come from the green isle across the sea.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, March 12, 1903**

Mrs. Tom Garrett Buried In Shasta— . . . There was the greatest profusion of handsome floral pieces ever seen in Redding. They were brought from San Francisco and were the remembrances of friends. There were immense crosses, beautiful gates ajar, broken shafts, pillows, blankets and bouquets of the rarest flowers. The floral pieces are said to have represented a total cost of $3000. Each side of the path from the gate to the door of the Catholic Church was lined with these handsome and touching testimonials of regard. The casket was made to Mr. Garrett's order. His wife was buried in a gown she made for herself to wear to grand opera and Mr. Garrett had the casket made in such style that there would be a blending of color.

GARY, CATHERINE FRANCE

SHASTA COUNTY MARRIAGES, 1852-1904
Shasta Genealogical Society

Dec. 15, 1862 Henry Garey, Catharine Ovett

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 10, 1863**

Births—In Centerville, on the 3d, inst., the wife of Mr. Gary, of a daughter.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 6, 1864**

Sad Accident—On Wednesday morning July 27, about 10 o'clock, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garey, residing on Watson Gulch, in this county, came to its death in the following manner: Mrs. Garey had procured a tub of water in which to bathe the child, and went into an adjoining room on some business. After an absence of about three minutes she returned, and found that the child had crawled to the tub, fallen in and was drowned. Every effort was made to resuscitate her, but in vain; life had fled. The child was aged ten months. We deeply sympathize with the afflicted parents.

GILLOOLY

SHASTA COUNTY MARRIAGES, 1852–1904
Shasta Genealogical Society

Feb. 11, 1863 Patrick H. Gilhooley, Mary Lyons

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 23, 1864**

Births—In Shasta, January 17th, the wife of P. H. Gilhooley, of a son.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 27, 1865**

Births—In Shasta, May 25th, the wife of P. H. Gilhooley, of a son.

BAPTISMAL RECORD, Red Bluff

James Gillooly b. Jan. 17, 1864 bap. Jan. 25, 1864
Parents: Patrick Gillooly and Mary Lyons
Sponsors: Peter Traynor and Margaret Lynch

Henry Gillooly b. May 25, 1865 bap. May 30, 1865
Parents: Patrick Gillooly and Mary Lyons
Sponsors: Jeremiah Lynch and Margaret Godfrey

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 15, 1868**

Died—In Shasta, Februrary 8th, of laryngitis, James Jeremiah, son of P. H. and Mary Gillooley, aged 4 years and 21 days.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 22, 1868**

Died—In Shasta, February 18, Henry Bolton, son of P. H. and Mary Gillooley, aged 2 years, 8 months and 24 days.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 31, 1904**

Seeks Bodies Of Brothers Buried Forty Years Ago—Miss May C. Gillooly of Carson City, Nev., arrived in Redding Sunday evening on a peculiar mission. It was to exhume the bodies of two brothers, aged five and three respectively, who died in 1867 in Shasta. The deaths occurred but a few days apart and the bodies were buried in the Catholic cemetery. Miss Gillooly comes on the unusual mission to gratify the wish of her mother, who died about a year ago, and the wish of her aged father, who now resides at Carson City.

Patrick Gillooly, the father, is remembered by old-timers in Shasta County. He was deputy sheriff under Sheriff Tom Greene in 1867. Diphtheria was prevalent that year in Shasta, then the county seat. It invaded the home of Patrick Gillooly and caused the death of the two little sons. An infant girl was attacked also, but the little one survived and is now Miss May C. Gillooly, who comes for the bodies of the dead.

The Gillooly family removed in 1870 to Gold Hill, Nev., and soon afterward to Carson City in the same State. About a year ago Mrs. Gillooly dropped dead in a Carson City store. She was buried in the cemetery near that city.

In life she had often asked that she be buried by the side of her two little boys who died in Shasta, or that their bodies be laid in a grave next to hers. The husband desired to see his wife's wishes carried out.

Miss May C. Gillooly, who has just closed a term in the Hanford schools, came by way of Redding and Shasta on her way home to Carson City. Yesterday she consulted Thomas H. Greene, who is an old and intimate friend of the family, as to what could be done.

Mr. Greene had previously corresponded with Mr. Gillooly about the matter and had advised that nothing should be done. The bodies of the little ones have long since crumbled to dust. Nothing in the semblance of a human form probably remains after their lying in the grave for thirty-seven years.

Miss Gillooly consulted with Coroner Bassett, who would have to give his official permit to the shipment of the remains. Together they went to Shasta yesterday to visit the cemetery, find the graves of the two little boys who died so long ago, and determine what further steps to take.

SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, June 1, 1904**

Opened Graves Dug Forty Years Ago—Miss May C. Gillooly had no trouble Monday to find the graves of her brothers in the Catholic cemetery at Shasta, although the graves had been made but a day or two apart almost forty years ago. The little tombstones were still standing marking the resting place of the little boys who were aged five and three respectively when death claimed them.

With the best motives in the world, friends had sought to dissuade Miss Gillooly from opening the graves with the expectation of finding any trace of the human bodies. But Miss Gillooly had come to fulfill a wish often made by her mother that the remains of her loved ones might find their final resting place in a grave by the side of her own. The daughter insisted on the graves being opened.

She was right. Her search was not in vain. When the earth had been removed to the usual grave depth, little human bones were found. There was nothing like a complete human skeleton in either grave. One skull was removed from the earth intact, but the second skull, which was found complete, crumbled to the touch in being dug from the earth. The fragments were carefully gathered up. The larger bones of the trunk were found in a fair state of preservation, but the smaller bones of the bodies had long ago been dissolved into mother earth.

There was nothing left of the coffins but the plates. These were well preserved and the inscriptions upon them were decipherable. A splinter of wood was picked up also. It was thought to be a fragment of one of the coffins and was taken in charge by Miss Gillooly.

She placed the human relics carefully in a wooden box about the size of a peach box. The bones collected weighed about seven pounds. Miss Gillooly left for Carson City Tuesday morning overland. In one hand she carried an ordinary traveling bag and in the other the box containing all that was mortal of her little brothers who had been dead and buried for so many years. She had the satisfaction, too, of knowing that she was carrying out the cherished wish of her deceased mother to the very letter.

GORDON, MARY

BAPTISMAL RECORD, Red Bluff

Mary Gordon b. May 6, 1856 bap. May 10, 1856
Parents: Peter and Mary Gordon
Sponsors: Peter and Mary Fitzpatrick

DAILY FREE PRESS **Friday, May 10, 1901**

Miss Gordon Dead—Miss Mary Gordon, died at the old Gordon homestead at Shasta Friday morning after a lingering illness. The cause of death was consumption. Miss Gordon was one of the oldest native daughters of Shasta county, having been born near the old town of Centerville 45 years and five days ago.

She was a quiet, unassuming lady and all that knew her were her friends. With the exception of a few years spent in San Francisco, where she lived with the family of Joe Weil, her life was spent at Shasta.

She leaves three sisters Mrs. Rae Higgins of Napa, Mrs. Maggie Richter of Susanville, Mrs. Kate Kane of Shasta and one brother Patrick Gordon also of Shasta.

The funeral will be held at Shasta Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 11, 1901**

Died—Mary Gordon, a native of Centerville, Cal., died at Shasta, which has been her home since early youth on Friday morning. Her death was the peace that came after a long and weary warfare against the dread foe of humankind, Consumption. She was a devout Catholic, and possessed the qualities that accompany a gentle disposition. She leaves a brother, Pat Gordon, and three sisters—Mrs. Maggie Richter, Mrs. Rose Higgins and Mrs. Jno. Kane. She reached her 45th birthday last Sunday. The funeral will take place this (Saturday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment being in the Shasta Catholic cemetery.

GORDON, PATRICK J.

BAPTISMAL RECORD, Red Bluff

In April 1858 the names of Margaret Jane Gordon and Patrick Gordon are listed.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Monday, December 27, 1909**

Shastan Died On Monday—Patrick J. Gordon, an old time resident of Shasta, died at his home in that place yesterday. The cause of death was pulmonary troubles.

The deceased was aged 40 years 9 months, having lived in California all his life. Three sisters survive.

The funeral will take place from the Houston Undertaking company's parlors at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, and Father Nugent will be the officiating minister and interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Wednesday, December 29, 1909**

Shastan Buried—Patrick Gordon, the old resident of Shasta who died on Monday, in the old town, was laid away in the Catholic cemetery there Tuesday afternoon, the T. J. Houston Undertaking parlors having the direction of the final arrangements.

GRATTAN, JAMES

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Monday, April 19, 1915**

James Grattan's Body Found In Water Ditch—Weaverville, April 19.—The body of James Grattan, aged 50, was discovered at the head of the Trinity Dredging company's ditch Saturday by the dead man's nephew. Coroner Anderlini was at once notified and after viewing the remains had the body taken to Minersville.

Grattan left Lewiston Friday morning to visit his sister, Mrs. R. Armentrout, but that was the last that was seen of him until his nephew found the body.

The decedent was a native of California, aged 50. He was a son of the late John Grattan of Centerville, Shasta county. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Dougherty, in Sacramento, and another sister, Mrs. A. Armentrout, of this county.

The burial will be held at Shasta this afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Houston Undertaking company. The services will be conducted at the grave-side by Father Hayes of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Redding.

(Records in Recorder's Office, Shasta County Court House show that J. Krattan drowned April 16, 1915, buried April 19, 1915 in Catholic cemetery at Shasta.)

HALEY JAMES

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA **Thursday, October 30, 1862**

Died—In Horsetown, Oct. 24th, James Haley, aged 35 years.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 1, 1862**

Death at Horsetown—The telegraph last week informed us that a Mr. Valley had, at Briggsville, met with a serious accident. The name should have been Haley. He has since died from the effects of the injuries received by him. He was a gentleman well and most favorably known in this county, and his untimely decease is mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

HICKEY, JOHN WILLIAM

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 13, 1860**

Births—In Middletown, on the 11th, the wife of M. B. Hickey, of a son.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

John William Hickey b. Oct. 11, 1860, bap. Nov. 4, 1860
Parents: Michael Hickey and Catherine Murphy
Sponsors: Patrick and Mary Murphy

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 29, 1862**

Died at Middletown, on the 26th inst., suddenly, John William, son of M. B. and Catharine Hickey, aged 1 year 5 months and 15 days.

MRS. M. B. HICKEY

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 14, 1858**

Married. In Horsetown by the Rev. Father Rainaldi, on the 8th inst., Mr. Michael Hickee to Miss Catherine Murphy.

REDDING INDEPENDENT **Thursday, September 30, 1880**

Died—In Shasta, Sept. 27, 1880, Mrs. Hickey, a native of Ireland. Mrs. Hickey has been a cripple for the past seven years.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 2, 1880**

Died—At Shasta Monday night, September 27, 1880, Mrs. M. B. Hickey, aged 51 years.

HICKEY, MICHAEL

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 17, 1885**

Michael Hickey, an old pioneer of the county and for many years a resident of Middletown, died here this week. He was a native of the Emerald Isle and aged 62 years.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, October 17, 1885**

Michael Hickey, father of Miss Minnie, died Tuesday morning, aged 65 years, and was buried in Shasta Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Hickey was an old pioneer of the county, and was engaged in the hotel business in Middletown when that town was of considerable importance.

HIGGINS, ALEX. E.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 3, 1855**

Capital Punishment—Alex. E. Higgins, now in our jail under sentence of death for the killing of D. C. Goodwin, near Horsetown, will be hung on next Friday the 9th inst. . . .

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 10, 1855**

Execution of Higgins—At an early hour yesterday morning the people commenced arriving in town in large numbers to witness the hanging of A. E. Higgins. By 10 o'clock the largest crowd ever assembled in Shasta filled our streets.

At the hour of eleven the condemned man was taken from his cell, put in a wagon and, in charge of Sheriff Dreibelbis and Deputy Magee, accompanied by a guard of seventy-five men, and not less than 2500 citizens, hauled to the gallows, erected about half a mile north of town.

. . . Within a few minutes of twelve o'clock, rising from his seat for the last time, he (Higgins) remarked in effect—

"I am about leaving this world and all its vanities forever. As this is my debut on any stage in tragedy, I did not expect so large an audience. A long life to all of you, and a merry one. And now bidding you farewell forever, I ask your blessing."

When, falling upon his knees, the vast crowd uncovered their heads, and Father Rinaldi administered to him the consolations of the Roman Church. The rope was then adjusted about his neck, he remarking that he had "handled many a rope, but never before one in this manner." Then, waiving his handkerchief and exclaiming, "Farewell to this world," the trap door fell, and his soul was launched into eternity.

The rope did its awful work well, and his struggles were few. In five minutes all symptoms of life had ceased.

After remaining suspended a proper length of time, his body was cut down, placed in a coffin, and interred in the Catholic burial ground.

HUGHES, DANIEL PATRICK

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 2, 1867**

At French Gulch, October 23d, the wife of L. Hughes, of a son.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Daniel Patrick Hughes October 23, 1867
Parents: Lawrence Hughes and Bridget Moylan
Sponsors: Michael Jaynor and Barbara Jones

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 19, 1876**

Died. At Mrs. Hughes' Ferry, Feb. 10, Daniel Patrick, son of Mrs. B. Hughes, aged 9 years.

HUGHES, ISABEL

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 21, 1878**

Died at Hughe's Ferry, December 14, Isabel Hughes, aged 9 years.

HUGHES, L.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 24, 1872**

Died at Hughes' ferry, Feb. 17th, L. Hughes, a native of Ireland and a pioneer of this county, aged 50 years.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, April 24, 1886**

The estate of Larry Hughes after fifteen years has at last been probated, Clay W. Taylor and E. B. Cushing as attorneys. The original appraisement was $12,000 but by the careful management of Mrs. Dersch, formerly Mrs. Hughes, assisted by her present husband, George Dersch, the estate is now worth $24,000, almost doubling, notwithstanding that in the fifteen years of her administration she has received from the estate and expended for its benefit upward of $30,000, giving to her three daughters and her son good educations, and keeping them for all that time. Mr. and Mrs. Dersch take the lower ranch, while Tommy Hughes and his sister, Annie, take the ferry ranch, Tommy having some time since bought the interests of his other sisters. This simply shows that the old notion that a woman cannot do business is fallacious.

KEANE, JOSEPH MORRIS

DAILY FREE PRESS **Wednesday, April 26, 1899**

A Morning Wedding—A quiet wedding took place Wednesday, the 26th, at the Catholic Church at 8 o'clock a.m. Jeremiah Keane of Iron Mountain and Miss Catherine Gordon of Shasta were the contracting parties. A number of friends attended the ceremony in the church where nuptial mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McGrath for their future welfare.

Thomas Foster and Mrs. E. Oliver were witnesses for the bride and groom.

A special wedding breakfast was prepared at the Oliver residence for the newly married couple and their friends at 9 o'clock. Mr. Keane takes his wife to Iron Mountain, where he has a neat home prepared for her. He also owns a valuable mine adjoining the Mountain Copper Company's property.

THE FREE PRESS (WEEKLY) **Saturday, April 29, 1899**

A marriage license was issued Saturday evening to Jeremiah Keane, a native of Ireland, aged 51 years, and Catherine Gordon, a native of California, aged 34 years. Both are residents of Shasta.

THE FREE PRESS (WEEKLY) **Saturday, April 29, 1899**

Jeremiah Keane, better known as "John Kane," and Miss Kittie Gordon of Shasta were married in Redding on the morning of the 26th. They are spending a few days in Shasta previous to going to Iron Mountain, where Mr. Keane has some very promising mining properties. We wish them all the happiness that husband and wife can enjoy.

SEMI–WEEKLY SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, July 14, 1905**

Died in Shasta—Joseph Morris Keane, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Keane, died in Shasta at 8:30 o'clock Monday evening and was buried Tuesday evening in the Shasta cemetery. The little boy was only ten months and ten days old. He had been ill only a week with brain fever when death came.

NOTE: *Father: Jeremiah Keane, died May 27, 1924*
Mother: Catherine Ann Gordon, Aug. 12, 1864-October 25, 1948
Buried Old St. Joseph Cemetery, Redding

KEENAN, HUGH

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, October 4, 1873

Died—In Horsetown, Sept. 6th, Hugh Keelan, a native of Ireland, aged 65 years.

KEENAN, MARY ANN

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, August 8, 1868

Fatal Accident—A fatal accident occurred on Saturday last, near Horsetown, in this county. As Miss Mary Ann Keelan, daughter of Hugh Keelan, was riding home from Horsetown, carrying before her on the saddle a sack containing some provisions, the sack accidentally fell to the ground, which frightened the horse, causing him to jump suddenly, and throwing her from her seat. In falling her hoop skirt caught on the horn of the saddle, and the frightened animal dragged her about one hundred and fifty yards, bruising her in a horrible manner. Medical aid was summoned, but after three hours' suffering death ensued. Deceased was a very estimable young lady, aged about 16 years.

LARKIN, JOHN HENRY

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, August 16, 1879

Born—In Shasta, August 11, to the wife of Patrick Larkin, a Son.

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, April 17, 1880

Patrick Larkin came down from Trinity Center Thursday, bringing with him the remains of his little son, who died at the above place a few days previous. The child was buried in the Catholic graveyard, and the bereaved father is left alone in the world, his wife having died several months ago.

LARKIN, PATRICK

THE MORNING SEARCHLIGHT Tuesday, February 1, 1898

Down To The Grave—The death of Patrick Larkin the well-known cattleman occurred at the Pleasant View cottage about three miles below town Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Larkin had been sick but a short time with an attack of pneumonia. He was a native of Ireland aged about 66 years.

The deceased was an old resident of this county having conducted a cattle business in Shasta and Trinity counties for years.

At the time of his death he owned a ranch near Trinity Center, but no property in this county. During his last illness he was cared for by a family named Lyons who live in the Pleasant View cottage below town.

The interment took place at 2 o'clock p.m., Monday, in the Catholic cemetery at Shasta where the wife and children of deceased are interred.

THE MORNING SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, February 16, 1898

Filed For Probate—The Will of Patrick Larkin Was Filed Tuesday.

. . . The devisees named in the will are Jane Larkin and Bridget Larkin, both sisters of the deceased, living in Callin Tubber, County of Roscommon, Ireland; Mary Carrigan, a sister and Sarah Carrigan, a niece both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LARKIN, SARAH E.

READING INDEPENDENT Thursday, March 11, 1880

We learn by special messenger of the death in Trinity county, of Mrs. Patrick Larkin, wife of Patrick Larkin of Centerville, Shasta county.

READING INDEPENDENT Thursday, March 18, 1880

Mrs. P. Larkin, of Trinity, near neighbor of Chas. Davis, died of diphtheria last week.

LAUX, LENA

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, August 1, 1885

Died—In Shasta, July 29th, 1885, at 1 o'clock p.m., Miss Lena Laux, who was born in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, July 20th, 1818, her age being at the time of her death 67 years and 10 days.

Deceased came to Shasta for the first time in April, 1860, twenty-five years ago. After remaining here for a short time, she settled in the Santa Clara Valley, near Mountain View, where she has resided ever since, except at short intervals when she has visited her sister, Mrs. Charles Boell and her family, of this place, and Mrs. John Clements, of Red Bluff. Deceased was highly respected by all who knew her for her gentle and charitable disposition. She leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

MACHADO, ROSE

THE REDDING INDEPENDENT Thursday, December 16, 1880

Died—At Muletown, Dec. 11, 1880, Rose, daughter of Manuel and Maria Machado, aged 8 months and 6 days.

NOTE: *Father: Manuel Machado, born 1849 Azores Islands*
Died January 8, 1916
Buried Old St. Joseph Cemetery, Redding
Mother: Mary Machado, born in Portugal
Died April 15, 1921, aged 66 years
Buried Old St. Joseph Cemetery, Redding

MAGAHAN, JAMES

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA Sunday, August 24, 1862

Died—In Middletown, Shasta county, Aug. 4th, James McGann, aged about 30 years.

MAHER, ELLEN

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA Monday, August 17, 1857

Died—In Shasta county, Aug. 3d, Mrs. Ellen Maher, aged 32 years.

MAHER, JULIA

SHASTA REPUBLICAN Saturday, January 29, 1859

Died—On the 28th inst., in Horsetown, the wife of Dennis Maher.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 29, 1859**

Died at Horsetown, on the 28th, Mrs. Mary Mayher, wife of Dennis Mayher, of consumption; aged 35 years. Deceased leaves six children, the youngest of whom is only two months old.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 5, 1859**

Died at Horsetown, on the 28th ult., Julia Maher, wife of Daniel K. Maher of Horsetown of convulsions, aged 39 years; native of county Tipperary, Ireland.

New Orleans and Alexandria, La., papers please copy.

McCAULL, ALICE

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Alice McCaull b. Jan. 26, 1862 bap. Feb. 14, 1862
Parents: Pierce McCaull and Ann Casey
Sponsors: Joseph and Margaret Mullens

McDONALD, ALICE CATHERINE

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 24, 1866**

Births—In Shasta, March 21st, the wife of Charles McDonald, of a daughter.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Alice Catherine McDonald b. March 21, 1866 bap. Apr. 29, 1866
Parents: Charles McDonald and Mary Maher
Sponsors: James Leary and Catherine Garden

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 9, 1866**

Died in Shasta, June 5th, Catherine Alice, daughter of Charles and Mary McDonald, aged 2 months and 14 days.

NOTE: *Father: Charles McDonald, died Jan. 30, 1881*
Buried Odd Fellows Cemetery, Shasta
Mother: Mary Maher, died June 5, 1897
Buried Odd Fellows Cemetery, Shasta

McDONALD, CHARLES MARCUS

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 20, 1869**

Born—In Shasta, Nov. 13th, the wife of Chas. McDonald of a son.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Charles Marcus McDonald b. Nov. 13, 1869 bap. Jan. 30, 1870
Parents: Charles McDonald and Mary Frances Maher
Sponsors: Dionysias and Mrs. Dunn

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 29, 1871**

Died—At Janesville, Shasta County, April 24th, Charles Marcus, only son of Mary and Charles McDonald, aged 1 year, 5 months and 10 days.

McDONALD, JESSIE M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 21, 1863**

Births—In Horsetown, March 15th, the wife of Charles McDonald, of a daughter.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Mary McDonald b. Mar. 15, 1863 bap. Aug. 2, 1863
Parents: Charles McDonald and Mary Maher
Sponsors: Bernard Conroy and Alice Maher

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, July 1, 1865

Died in this place, on the 27th inst., Jessie M., daughter of Charles and Mary McDonald, aged 2 years, 3 months and 11 days.

McDONALD, JULIA

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, November 5, 1864

Births—In Shasta, October 30th, the wife of Charles McDonald, of a daughter.

SHASTA COURIER Saturday February 4, 1865

Died—In Shasta, Jan. 21st, Julia, youngest daughter of Charles and Mary McDonald, aged 2 months and 22 days.

McDONALD, ELLEN

THE SEARCHLIGHT Friday, September 27, 1907

Lived Over Four Score Of Years—Mrs. Ellen McDonald, aged 81, died at French Gulch Thursday morning from the infirmities of age. Her death was not unexpected. Luke McDonald, who with his brother Robert of Trinity Center happened to be in Redding, received a telephone message the same morning from Thomas McDonald announcing the death of their aged mother.

Deceased was the widow of Patrick McDonald, a pioneer of the county who died at French Gulch in 1891, and mother of Luke, Thomas and Robert McDonald. Two sons are dead, Johnny dying in 1883 and Stephen in 1877. Father and sons are interred in the Catholic cemetery at Shasta, where the remains of the mother will be laid at rest.

The funeral of Mrs. McDonald will take place from French Gulch, the cortege leaving there Saturday morning and proceeding to Shasta, arriving probably between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon when interment will be made. The exact details had not yet been arranged.

McDONALD, JOHN

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, October 29, 1859

Births—On Whisky Creek, on the 24th inst. Mrs. Patrick McDonald, of a son.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

John James McDonald b. Oct. 24, 1859 bap. Apr. 28, 1860
Parents: Patrick McDonald and Ellen Leddy
Sponsors: Daniel Desmond and Mary Lyons

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, October 6, 1883

This morning, the news reaches us of the death of John McDonald, 23 years old, at the home of his parents, the old 4 mile house above Shasta, from a complication of diseases contracted in his occupation as a miner. He and his three remaining brothers were for years engaged in quartz mining in this county, and no more honest, industrious and worthy young men can be found anywhere. The sympathy of the whole community is with the bereaved in their sad affliction, especially with the respected aged parents, who gloried in the love and well merited success of their children. Funeral Saturday, at 11 o'clock A.M.

McDONALD, PATRICK

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 19, 1891**

Died—Another member of the Old Guard of Shasta county pioneers has crossed over the divide, that separates this, from the unknown land. Patrick McDonald died at his home, the Four Mile House, Friday morning after an illness of three or four days. He was a native of county Cavan, Ireland, and was aged 71 years and 6 months at the time of his death. He came to California in 1854, coming to Shasta about '56 and afterward moved to Whisky Creek, and Four Mile House, where he brought up a family of nine sons, five of whom Luke, Barney, Thomas, Peter and Robert are living. Patrick McDonald was a warm hearted man, and good citizen, commanding the respect and friendship of the community, which sympathizes with the wife and sons, in their sad affliction.

The funeral procession will leave the residence at 10 A. M. Sunday. The ceremonies will take place at the Catholic Church, Shasta, at 11 a.m.

THE WEEKLY SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, March 5, 1895**

Artistic Cemetery Work—The enterprising proprietors of the Red Bluff Marble Works, Messrs. D. E. and W. J. Masterson are putting in a fine granite enclosure for McDonald Bros. in the Shasta Cemetery.

Masterson Bros. employ artists only, and because of the superior quality of their work and material their business has spread throughout northern California.

They are honorable men, and deal honorably with all their customers; this is the secret of their success. Masterson Bros. will do first class work at prices that defy competition, and their business standing is sufficient guarantee that their contracts will be carried out.

McDONALD, STEPHEN

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 6, 1866**

Births—At Whisky Creek, December 27th, the wife of Patrick McDonald, of a son.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

At Whiskey Creek
Stephen Patrick McDonald b. Dec. 26, 1865 bap. Feb. 11, 1866
Parents: Patrick McDonald and Ellen Leddy
Sponsors: Richard and Louisa Dunn

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 12, 1879**

Wednesday, Pat Gordon was out gunning with one of the McDonald boys, of the Four Mile House, when an accidental discharge of the latter's gun inflicted a severe wound in the fleshy part of one of Pat's thighs. (Boys should not be trusted with fire arms. The smartest boy in America hasn't sense enough to handle a gun with safety, and three-fourths of the men are in the same fix.)

P. S.—Since the above was placed in type, a sad confirmation as to the correctness of the remarks enclosed in brackets comes to us. The McDonald boy thinking that he had fatally wounded his companion, and filled with regret and fright ran off into the woods and shot himself through the head. The funeral took place at Shasta on Friday.

McGARREY, ELLEN

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 25, 1893**

Called Home—On the 20th instant, death invaded the home of James McGarrey at Anderson and claimed as his victim Mrs. Ellen McGarrey. Her age was 63 years, and the

land of the golden Harp and Sunburst was her nativity. In the city of Philadelphia, she was wedded to James McGarrey, and coming to the golden shores of California, in the pioneer days, they have since lived in Shasta county where they are well known to a large circle of warm friends and acquaintances. Sons and daughters were born to them here, and are numbered among the respected native sons and daughters of Shasta county, one of the former being John E. McGarrey, editor of the *Cottonwood Register*, and formerly of the *Willows Journal* and *Red Bluff News*. Mrs. McGarrey was one of those home-devoted and domestic women whom we honor and respect as model matrons and mothers. Ever ready to forego her own comfort for the promotion of that of others, kind, gentle and forbearing in disposition, patient and meek in adversity, she performed her life work in manner akin to human and motherly perfection. Dying she left no enemies behind, but many sorrowing friends and relatives. Bidding the world and all here, near and dear, adieu, she embarked without fear on Death's dark river, clinging to the Cross emblematic of her faith and religion, and we can well believe that her soul passed safely to the brighter shore where all is peace, joy, sunshine, and life immortal in the presence of the glorified Redeemer.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 25, 1893**

In ascending the grade in the deep cut at the foot of the Catholic cemetery hill to the McGarrey funeral on the 22d inst., Judge C. C. Bush's memory reminded him that it was on that anniversary day just forty years ago that he passed over the trail where the road now is. How many, many and varied changes the Judge has witnessed in local surroundings since his feet first passed over that hill. We hope, that many more years and Washington Birthday anniversaries will come and go before the pioneer is called upon to climb the golden stairs.

McGARREY, JAMES

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 25, 1878**

Died—At Shasta, May 10, James McGarrry, aged 88 years.

The deceased was born in Ireland in 1790, and in 1819 removed to Scotland, where he remained until the year 1872, when he came to California. During his short residence here he made many warm friends who, when death was announced, came for many miles around to pay the last respects to a good man. He was buried in the Catholic cemetery.

McGARREY, JAMES

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 30, 1897**

James McGarrey—James McGarrey, an early settler in Shasta County, and for the past four years a watchman in the United States Mint at San Francisco, died in Oakland, October 21st, at the age of 79 years. Deceased was a native of Ireland, and most of his life was spent in Shasta county where he and his estimable wife, now deceased, made many friends who now recall their memory. Of the children now bereft of both parents, there are living three sons, the eldest of whom is John E. McGarrey, a well known newspaper man and at present connected with the San Francisco *Chronicle* force, and two daughters, Mrs. Al. Howell of New Pine Creek, Lake County, Oregon and Mrs. W. S. Lofton, Oak Run, in this county.

The deceased pioneer was an original character. He took independent views of matters and things transpiring, and never hesitated to take a positive stand for what he deemed was justice and right. Outspoken in his opinions, rugged and fearless in maintaining them, there beat in his breast a heart as tender as a woman's for all that appealed to human sympathy and charity, and if any needy person ever passed James

McGarrey's door hungry and went further in that condition, it was because McGarrey didn't know of the situation.

The remains of deceased were brought to Shasta last Sunday by his son, John E. McGarrey and after appropriate ceremonials, were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery in the presence of many friends who knew the departed well in life and felt sincere regret that they could never more meet him in the walks of the living.

MELVILLE, JOHN

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 28, 1853**

Died—In this place, after a few days illness of Brain Fever, on the 21st inst., John Melville; aged 35. The deceased came from New York to this country in 1849. He leaves an aged mother and several other relatives living on Staten Island.

It is with feelings of more than ordinary sorrow that we announce the sudden death of Mr. Melville. He had been residing and doing business in this place for the past two years, during which time he had ingratiated himself into the friendship of everyone that knew him. Indeed it may be said that he died without an enemy, while troops of friends mourn the seemingly untimely close of his mortal career. He was of the Roman Catholic persuasion and was interred with the burial ceremonies of that Church. Our citizens manifested their esteem for the deceased, by following in large numbers the corpse to its final resting place, Baxter & Co. and Hall & Crandall furnishing their coaches for the use of the females and children. At the grave J. C. Hinckley, Esq. delivered a few very appropriate and feeling remarks upon the sad event, when all that was left of the unselfish, good-hearted, generous Melville was placed beneath the sod, where it will remain until the sounding of the trump on the day of final reckoning.

MISCHLER, LIZZIE

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA **Monday, January 20, 1862**

Born—In Horsetown, Shasta county, January 7th, to the wife of John Michler, a daughter.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Elizabeth Mitchler b. January 7, 1862 bap. January 20, 1862
Parents: John Mitchler and Ann Dans
Sponsors: Daniel Speaker and Catherine Sweeney

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 25, 1868**

Died in Horsetown, July 20, of measles, Lizzie, daughter of John Mischler, aged 6 years.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 16, 1876**

John Michler, who was killed in San Francisco recently by falling from a wagon, was formerly a resident of this County, having resided in Shasta and Horsetown.

MORRISON, ISABELLE

MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 22, 1906**

Had Lived In This State 50 Years—Mrs. Isabelle Morrison, mother of Mrs. J. L. Collins of Keswick, died Monday at the home of her daughter. Old age and a general breakdown were the cause of death. Mrs. Morrison was visiting in Keswick from her home in Cherokee, Nevada County, when summoned by death.

Mrs. Isabelle Morrison was a pioneer of Nevada County, having lived there for fifty years. She came to California from New Orleans, where she was married to her late husband.

The decedent was a native of Ireland, aged 80 years, 3 months and 6 days. Her death is mourned by five daughters, two of whom—Mrs. J. L. Collins and Mrs. S. Hurlburt—were in Keswick. Mrs. Hurlburt's home is in Stockton. She was called home by the illness of her mother.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon, burial to be made in the Catholic cemetery in Shasta. Rev. Father Nugent will conduct the services.

MOYLAN, BRIDGET

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 9, 1904**

Mrs. Bridget Dersch of Redding, died at Sacramento Wednesday. Mrs. Dersch was for years a resident of Shasta county, and was a pioneer woman—the possessor of the worthy and noble qualities which those words call to mind. She was faithful to the trusts of wifehood, motherhood and friendship, and so her life was complete. We remember her as an admirer of the ability of the late editor of this paper, and these pages which she has often read, chronicle her death with regret. She held an affection for the town of Shasta, and during the county seat contest, was one of the staunch sympathizers. To this town she was brought when her labors were past, and was laid to rest beside the husband of her youth, Larry Hughes. A son, Thomas Hughes, lineman with the Sunset Telephone Company, and two daughters, Mrs. John Dinsmore and Mrs. M. Smith are left to revere her memory.

The interment took place in the Catholic cemetery Friday, Rev. Father Nugent officiating. The service was well attended. J. J. McNeil, J. J. Kinney, Jas. Mullen, Thomas Mullen, O. Gruttner, and W. A. Boswell were the pall bearers.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 10, 1858**

Married. In this town, on the 8th inst., by Father Rainaldi, Mr. Lawrence Hughes, from County Monnaghan, Ireland, to Miss Bridget Maylan, County Clare, Ireland.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 17, 1877**

Married—At Hughe's Ferry, Feb. 6, by Father O'Kane, Geo. Dersch to Mrs. Bridget Hughes.

MULLEE, PATRICK

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 23, 1876**

Died at Churntown, September 15, Patrick Mullee, a native of Ireland, aged 62 years and 6 months.

THE COVERED WAGON **1952**

Memoirs Of Buckeye And Vicinity—by Loraine Heath Wiegel

My grandfather, Patrick Mullee, came to Churntown in the early '60's, coming out from Mineral Point, Wisconsin, by way of New York, and Isthmus of Panama, and on up by steamer to San Francisco.

Patrick and Ann Mullee had three daughters, Mary, Winifred (my mother), and Sarah. The girls were placed in school in a convent, St. Vincent's School, which stood on a part of the site of the old St. Francis Hotel on Market Street in San Francisco. They later joined their parents in Churntown where their father had a general mercantile store.

Mary Mullee taught in a private school at Texas Springs, near the early day town of Horsetown, often known as One Horse Town. Sarah Mullee taught in the schools of Shasta County. Mary and Sarah married the Smith brothers, Frederick and Sidney, who had farms in the lower Stillwater area. They, too, were pioneers. Sidney and his brother John came out from Prairie Center, Illinois, as members of a covered wagon train, to Shasta, California in 1852. Frederick followed in 1854, serving as scout with the covered wagon caravan. They mined at Middle Creek until they took up farming.

The store and two-story home of the Mullee's stood on the flat beyond the present home of Mrs. Julia Flanagan. Some time after the passing of Patrick Mullee the home was used as a school house. Both the store and the home were destroyed by fire at different times.

MURPHY, PATRICK

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, August 23, 1856**

Dead—Mr. Patrick Murphy, who was injured by the caving of the bank of his mining claim on the Horsetown Hill a few days since, died on Tuesday last. His leg, which was broken below the knee, was amputated a short time before his death. On Wednesday his remains were brought to this place and buried in the Catholic burying ground. A large number of his friends and acquaintances from Horsetown and Middletown attended his funeral. The deceased was much esteemed by all who knew him.

O'BRIEN, JEREMIAH

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 10, 1864**

Fatal Accident—Jeremiah O'Brien, aged about fifty years, and believed to be a native of Ireland, while working on his claim on Jackass Flat, near Horsetown, was caved upon by a bank and so injured that he died in a few hours. He was buried by his friends on Sunday, in the Catholic cemetery in this place.

O'NEIL, MARGARET AND CHILD

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, November 21, 1857**

Died—At Horsetown, Nov. 15th, Ellen, wife of Mr. Wm. O'Neal; aged about 34 years.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Mary O'Neil b. and bap. August 25, 1857
Parents: William and Margaret O'Neil
Sponsors: Timothy Leary and Ann Daley

QUINN, MARY A.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, August 22, 1925**

Buried By Side Of Her Husband—Mrs. Mary A. Quinn, an old resident of Watson gulch, beyond Ono, died Wednesday in Gridley where she went three years ago to make her home with relatives. The body arrived in Redding Thursday evening in company of relatives and was buried in the Catholic cemetery by the graveside of the departed husband, Timothy Quinn, a pioneer of the western part of the county.

Mrs. Quinn was a native of Ireland and was aged 86 years.

QUINN, TIMOTHY

FREE PRESS **Saturday, September 14, 1895**

That old pioneer of Western Shasta, Timothy Quinn, died at his residence on Watson gulch, Thursday, September 12th, aged 60 years. The funeral will take place in Shasta. Mr. Quinn lived at Horsetown when that town was quite a city, following the occupation of mining. He leaves a brother, Dave Quinn, who resided with him at the time of his death.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, September 17, 1895**

Death of a Pioneer—The angel of death claimed the old pioneer of Shasta County, Timothy Quinn of Watson's Gulch last Thursday morning, and another old settler who helped to make California what she is, passed beyond the Great Divide. Tim Quinn as he was familiarly called by his many friends was born in Boston (Mass.) about sixty years ago, and found himself, among the many who looked hopefully toward the golden strands of the Pacific, early in the fifties. He came to Shasta County in 1852, and has been identified with the business interest of this section ever since; first as a miner and later as a farmer and merchant. Southwestern Shasta has lost one of her most enterprising citizens. Here he has of late years lived. In Watson's Gulch he built a cozy home, and lived quietly, conducting a store, and caring for his young orchard, in which he took great pride. Deceased was a large hearted man, and although in comfortable circumstances, he might have been wealthy, but for his sympathetic nature, which brooked no want if he could supply it. In his early life, he took a fancy to the sea, and made several trips out of Boston Harbor as cabin boy. As he could not overcome a constant tendency toward seasickness, he left the sea to try his fortune on land. Deceased was a staunch Populist, and took a lively interest in the issues that at present confront us. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure. For several years past, he had suffered with heart disease, and although not entirely unexpected, his demise was very sudden. On Wednesday night he retired apparently as well as usual, after reading the account of the Defender's success, and expressing his pleasure thereat. On Thursday morning about four o'clock the attack came, which shortly after ended his life. The body was taken to Shasta for burial, and the funeral was largely attended. He was buried by the side of his sister, in the old Shasta cemetery, where sleep many brother argonauts. He died childless but leaves a widow to mourn his loss, who in her bereavement has the sympathy of all who knew her husband and life companion.

NOTE: *Johannah Daly, wife of James Daly, may have been the sister of Timothy and David Quinn.*

RADLER, GEORGE

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 19, 1892**

George Radler, better known as "Pegleg George" joined the silent majority Friday night, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery Sunday. Deceased was a familiar figure in Shasta since the earliest days of the town. He was the discoverer of the Tellurium mine on Salt creek, but like many others he finally wound up, and pegged out, at the County Hospital.

REEL, MRS. KATHERINE

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, March 9, 1929**

Mrs. Katherine Reel To Be Buried Tomorrow—Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Katherine Reel, 74, who died at her home in

Whiskytown yesterday morning. The services will be conducted in the St. Joseph's Catholic church and burial will be made in the cemetery at old Shasta. Rev. A. Gavin will officiate. Arrangements are being made by the Home Undertaking Company.

Mrs. Reel, the widow of Louis Reel, was born in Wisconsin and came to California 60 years ago. The family first settled at Ono and later moved to Whiskytown, where Mrs. Reel had resided for 50 years. Four sons survive: Harry, Walter, Roy and George Reel, all of Whiskytown and a daughter, Mrs. Caroline Phelps of Oakland.

NOTE: *Mrs. Reel was buried in the Masonic-Odd Fellows Cemetery, Shasta, California.*

ROBINSON, ELLEN McGARRY

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 23, 1887**

Mrs. Ellen Robinson, of Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McGarry, died in that town last Saturday, and was buried in the Catholic burial ground of Shasta City on the Sunday evening following. A dutiful daughter has gone from parents, and a good wife from the home of Mr. Robinson. To those related to the deceased lady by the ties of affection, love, and companionship, we extend the sympathy of an earnest friend.

SCHAFTER, MEINRAD

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 2, 1892**

Meinrad Shafter died at his home near Shasta Tuesday evening. He had been suffering from rheumatism and heart trouble for the past two years, but up to the evening of his death he seemed to be in excellent spirits. He was born January 22nd, 1822 at Meiderburg in the province of Alsace, then a part of France, and came to this country about thirty-five years ago, crossing the plains to California, where he engaged in mining, and became owner of some valuable property. Meinrad Shafter was a man of far more than ordinary intelligence and education, a good citizen, and a true friend, and a warmer or more generous heart than his, never beat in human breast. He leaves a wife and three young children, who have the sympathy of the community. The funeral took place Thursday, C. H. Behrens officiating, and was attended by a large number of friends, the remains being laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery.

SCHROTER, AGATHA SCHAFTER

SHASTA COUNTY MARRIAGES 1852-1904
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Aug. 17, 1885 Minrod Shafter, Agatha Henner

THE WEEKLY SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, May 25, 1897**

Grant Schroter and Mrs. Agatha Shafter were united in marriage at the home of the bride's residence at Shasta last Wednesday evening, Judge Edward Sweeny officiating. After a sumptuous bridal feast the newly married couple came to Redding from where they took the overland train for San Francisco to spend a short honeymoon.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, January 8, 1907**

Mrs. G. A. Schroter Is Called Beyond—Mrs. Agatha Schroter, wife of Grant A. Schroter, died Sunday afternoon in the family home in Shasta after an illness of a few weeks. Over five years ago Mrs. Schroter underwent an operation from which she never fully recovered and the last illness was intensified thereby.

Mrs. Schroter was one of the early settlers in Shasta in company with her first husband, Mr. Shafter, who died twelve or fourteen years ago. From the estate of the

husband she inherited considerable property, of which she took care. She was the owner of the Shafter block in this city, the Market street property occupied by Henry Frickinger and Lammon & Gilzean.

Three children and the husband mourn the death of Mrs. Schroter. The children are Miss Mary Shafter, Joseph Shafter and Nellie Schroter, the first two grown and the last aged 9 years.

The funeral will be held in Shasta at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the Catholic Church, and burial will be made in the Catholic cemetery in Shasta.

SCHNABELE, MRS. JOHN

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 27, 1872**

Sad Death From Chloroform—Wednesday afternoon, in this city, Mrs. Schnabele, wife of John Schnabele, died from the effects of taking chloroform for the purpose of having all her teeth extracted, which for some time had pained her to a distressing extent. Mr. Schnabele procured Dr. Hearn, dentist, to perform the operation, when Mrs. S., to avoid suffering the consequent great pain, desired the use of chloroform. . . . She leaves a husband and five children to mourn her sudden loss, the youngest child being but three months old. The community in general extended the greatest sympathy for the motherless children and bereaved husband in the heart-rending calamity that had befallen them, and the funeral on Saturday afternoon, from the Catholic Church, was largely attended by our citizens.

SCHWING, JOHN

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 12, 1863**

Shasta, September 5th, 1863.

We, the undersigned, called to act as jurors on the body of a deceased person, find that his name is John Schwing, aged forty years, and a native of Baden, Germany, and came to his death by drowning while attempting to cross the Sacramento river near the mouth of Middle Creek, August 26th, 1863.

A. Coleman	L. Coulter
T. G. Elliott	J. G. Brown
T. S. Mount	Carl Binzer

SCHWING, JOSEPH

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 8, 1879**

Died in Vina, Feb. 5, Joseph Schwing, aged 56 years.

SCOTT, WILLIAM A.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, October 29, 1887**

The Hand of the Reaper— . . . For a period of thirty-five consecutive years past, Wm. A. Scott has been a resident of the town of Shasta, having come here in 1852 from Charlestown, Mass., and during all that period he has never been farther away from his home than to Weaverville on the north, Red Bluff on the south, and Millville on the east. Excepting a brief period when he was engaged as a nursery man at Lower Springs, he has been constantly engaged at his trade of boot and shoemaker. He was married at Shasta in 1869, and now leaves a widow, an only daughter, and two step-sons to mourn his loss. At the time of his death he was in his 66th year.

. . . The funeral was very largely attended, and took place on Thursday last at 4:30 p.m., when his remains were deposited in the Catholic cemetery at Shasta. May he "Rest in Peace." . . .

SHAFER, JACOB

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, September 18, 1858**

Killed—A son of Mr. Shaffer, aged about ten years, was instantly killed on Monday last by being run over by a wagon. He had been entrusted to drive a wood team of a horse and pair of oxen. When a short distance from town on the road leading towards Buckeye the team took fright, and the boy fell from the wagon and one of the wheels passed over his head, killing him instantly.

SIMPSON, MARGARET

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA **Saturday, October 10, 1857**

Died—On Battle Creek, Shasta county, Sept. 27th, Mrs. Margaret, wife of James Simpson, aged 25 years.

SLACK, DR. R.N.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, October 24, 1857**

Death of Dr. R. N. Slack—We are pained to announce the demise of Dr. Slack, who has been a resident of California since the year 1849, and nearly all the time of this County. He died at Judge McMurtry's Ferry, on the Sacramento River, on the morning of Wednesday last at about 7 o'clock. Dr. S. was a thoroughly educated physician, and in his profession enjoyed the confidence of all. He was an amiable man, a true friend, and an upright and much esteemed citizen. His decease will be keenly mourned by all who have been favored with his acquaintance. His remains were brought to this town and interred in the Catholic burying ground on Thursday last.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, October 24, 1857**

Died—At McMurtry's Ferry, Shasta Co., Cal., on Wednesday, Oct. 21st. Dr. Robert N. Slack, of Congestion of the Brain.

The deceased was born in Washington Co., Ky., where he has numerous relatives still residing. Graduated in his profession at the Louisville Medical Institute about the year 1843, and emigrated to Texas in 1844, and from thence to California in 1849. He was about 36 years of age.

Kentucky and Texas papers please copy.

SMITH, JAMES

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 1, 1862**

Died in Shasta, on the 22d ult.; James Smith, a native of Ireland, aged about 30 years.

SULLIVAN, CORNELIUS

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 27, 1886**

Miss Kate Sullivan, niece of Cornelius Sullivan, who died at the Empire Hotel, Shasta, about four months ago, is here from Iowa, and is having the grave of her uncle enclosed and a nice tombstone, suitably inscribed, erected to his memory.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 3, 1886**

A fine set of tombstones were erected this week in the Catholic cemetery in memory of Cornelius Sullivan. The work and material was paid for by William Sullivan, an old mining partner, but no relation of Cornelius.

SWEENY, DANIEL

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA **Thursday, September 5, 1861**

Died—At Horsetown, August 28th, Daniel Sweeney, son of Daniel and Hannah Sweeney, aged 11 years, 8 months and 4 days.

NOTE: *Father: Daniel Sweeny, Feb. 23, 1817—Sept. 10, 1903*
Buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Red Bluff
Mother: Hannah Desmond, July 19, 1825—Sept. 19, 1891
Buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Red Bluff

THOMPSON,

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 24, 1865**

Funerals—Two large funeral processions from Horsetown passed through Shasta during the week to the Catholic Cemetery. The one followed a deceased child of B. Conroy and the other that of R. Thompson. We have not been furnished with any particulars for our obituary heading.

NOTE: *This child of R. Thompson may have been a child of Robert Thompson Irwin.*

THOMPSON, JOHN

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 2, 1868**

Fatal Accident—While John Thompson, son of Wm. Thompson was at work in a mining claim near the Sacramento river, about three miles from here, yesterday, the high bank caved upon him, covering up his head and the upper part of his body and crushing him to death. Dr. Pelham was sent for but all efforts to resuscitate the unfortunate youth proved unavailing.

THOMPSON, MARY ANN

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Mary Ann Thompson b. Mar. 21, 1860 bap. Jan. 17, 1861
Parents: William Thompson and Mary Reilly
Sponsors: Andrew Cusick and Mary Quigley

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA **Sunday, July 19, 1863**

Died—In Shasta, July 6th, Mary Ann, daughter of Wm. Thompson, aged 3 years and 2 months.

TUNGATE, MARY ANN

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, December 19, 1857**

Married—In Shasta, Dec. 17, by Rev. R. Rinaldi, Mr. Urial Tungate to Miss Hannah Kelly.

WEHRLEY, GEORGE

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 7, 1860**

Died on Cow Creek, on the 1st inst., Mr. George Wehole, formerly of Naperville, Illinois; aged 26 years.

WEHRLEY, JOSEPH

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 3, 1863**

Sudden Death—Jos. Wehrley, of Cow Creek, in this county, while returning to his home, from town, on Tuesday evening last, fell from his horse in a sudden fit of illness. He was found and taken home, and everything possible done for him, but he died early on Wednesday morning. Deceased was a good citizen, and much respected by all his acquaintances.

WEHRLEY, JOSEPH, JR.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 18, 1863**

Births—On Little Cow Creek, April 13th, the widow of Joseph Wehrle, lately deceased, of a son.

WEHRLEY, SAMUEL (XAVIER)

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 14, 1863**

Died—On Cow Creek, in this county, on the 8th inst., Samuel Wehrley, late of Illinois, aged 28 years.

WHITE, JOHN

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 23, 1872**

Died—In Shasta, Nov. 17th, John White, a native of Ireland, aged about 49 years.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 23, 1872**

Sudden Death—John White, aged 49 years, a native of Ireland died very suddenly in this place on Sunday morning. A post mortem examination showed that he came to his death from heart disease. He had been in feeble health for some time. White at one time worked in Trinity county, where he took out his naturalization papers.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 7, 1872**

Remains Removed—We chronicled the sudden death of John White a couple of weeks ago. He died among strangers and unexpectedly, and was buried before his friends knew what had happened. On Tuesday last, some of his friends, thinking he should "sleep the last sleep" with those of his own nationality and faith, exhumed the body and had it placed in the Catholic cemetery of this place.

WISER, H. A.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, May 23, 1885**

H. A. Wiser, an old resident of Shasta county, died on Thursday night last at his residence about two miles this side of Shasta. Mr. Wiser came to California at an early day, engaging in mining at Copper City in 1852. A few years later he located a homestead a quarter of a mile above Lower Springs which, by energy and industry, he brought to a high state of cultivation. He was always known as a kind-hearted man and good citizen, and in his death his wife and two sons lose a kind husband and father. He was a native of Germany, aged 58 years. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 p.m.

WISER, JOHN HENRY

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 30, 1866**

Births—At Buckeye Ranch, June 22d, the wife of H. A. Wiser, of a son.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

John Henry Wiser b. June 21, 1866 bap. July 19, 1866
Parents: Hubert and Sarah Wiser
Sponsors: Julius Conmy and Catherine Jager

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 28, 1873**

Picnic—Henry Wiser being seven years old last Sunday, his parents celebrated the occasion at Buckeye Ranch, by giving a fine dinner and picnic party which was attended by many friends and acquaintances of the family. The brass band was present and all who attended enjoyed themselves in fine style, and unite with us in wishing young Henry many happy birthday anniversaries.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 3, 1908**

Henry Wiser Found Dead In His Cabin—John Henry Wiser, best known by his friends as Henry Wiser, was found dead in his cabin Sunday morning by M. C. Barrickman, whose own cabin is near the one into which Wiser moved only a few days ago. Heart disease, with which Henry Wiser had long been troubled, was the cause of death.

John Henry Wiser was born near Shasta in June, 1866. He had lived all his life in Shasta or Trinity County, following mining for a living. He was a good miner and a quiet, upright citizen who had the respect of everybody.

Coroner Houston held an investigation Sunday and decided that the sudden death was due to heart trouble. The funeral was held in Redding yesterday afternoon, interment being made under the direction of the Redding Undertaking Company.

WISER, MRS. MARIA

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 25,1860**

Married—In this place, on the 21st, by Rev. Ralph Rainaldi, H. A. Wiser to Miss Maria Baxter.

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA **Sunday, March 15, 1863**

Died—In Shasta, 2d inst., Maria, wife of H. A. Wiser, aged 27 years, 9 months and 16 days.

WISER, MRS. SARAH

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 29, 1865**

Married—At Oregon Gulch, Trinity county, 23d, by Father McNulty, Hubert A. Wiser, to Sarah Rider, both of Shasta.

Though fools spurn Hymen's gentle powers
We, who improve his golden hours,
By sweet experience know
That marriage, rightly understood,
Gives to the tender and the good
A paradise below.

We acknowledge the receipt of wedding favors from friend Wiser, whose happy change from celibacy to felicity is announced above.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 1, 1891**

Mrs. Sarah Wiser died at her residence on the Shasta and Redding road Tuesday, and was buried at the Catholic cemetery at this place the following day. She was a native of Ireland, aged 52 years, and leaves two sons.

WYNNE, MISS ANN

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, October 29, 1915**

Miss Ann Wynn, who may be classed among the pioneers of the county, passed away in the county hospital Thursday morning. She had been unconscious for several days. Her passing was due to the infirmities of the great age of almost eighty-eight years.

Miss Wynn, born in Ireland, came to Horsetown in the early days and made her home with her brothers, Peter, Patrick, Timothy and William, all of whom passed away years ago. For the last twenty years Miss Wynn made her home alone in Redding, living in a little house at the lower end of Court street. Hers was a quiet, contented life. She was a devout Christian, and was seldom seen away from her home except when she went to her devotions. . . .

The funeral will be held from the Catholic church in this city at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery in Shasta by C. R. Pickering, the undertaker.

WYNNE, PATRICK

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 31, 1884**

Patrick Wynne an old resident of Horsetown died last Thursday.

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, June 7, 1884**

Patrick Wynne, an old pioneer of this county, died at Horsetown on Friday, the 30th of May. He had been a long resident of that burg, and was considered an honest man.

FREE PRESS (WEEKLY) **Saturday, July 20, 1901**

Through her attorneys, Dozier & Carr, Anna Wynne filed a petition in the superior court Tuesday afternoon for letters of administration of the estate of her brother Patrick Wynne, who died on May 29, 1884, at Horsetown.

The estate consists of a one-fifth interest in the Wynne mine in Ann's Flat mining district. The mine is worth $1000 or $1500. Wynne was married in Scotland in 1846 and had three children, Isabelle, Sarah and Andrew, but their whereabouts, if living, are unknown. The known heirs were Timothy, Peter and Anna Wynne. . . .

WYNNE, PETER

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, August 18, 1906**

Peter Wynn, pioneer miner of Horsetown, aged 75 years, died Friday morning in the County Hospital, where he had been for several years. His death was caused by the ravages of old age, and was probably hastened by a severe injury he suffered at Horsetown and from which he never fully recovered.

Peter Wynn and his sister, Miss Annie Wynn, lived since early days in Horsetown, but upon the brother's health failing they sold their little home and valuable placer mining ground to a dredger company and removed to this city. Wynn mined in Horse-

town when that district was at its best. He had good ground, and although he never made any great strikes, he could always find a color in the pan and prospered. The brother and sister never married, but worked together and for each other until Peter was hurt.

Peter Wynn was a native of Ireland and aged 75 years and 2 months. The funeral will take place Saturday morning in Shasta. Interment will be in the Catholic cemetery. Rev. Father Nugent will celebrate the last rites of the church over the remains.

WYNNE, TIMOTHY

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 17, 1894**

Timothy Winn, one of the old timers of Horsetown, died at his home on Clear Creek this week, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery here Wednesday.

WYNNE, WILLIAM

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, January 2, 1858**

A Miner Killed—At Squaw Hill, about one half mile from Horsetown, on Monday last, Mr. William Winne was killed by the caving of a bank. He was engaged in widening the tail race of his claim and the caving bank completely covered him. He was immediately rescued by his brother and another partner and talked cheerfully with them and seemed to be but little hurt. His injuries were internal and not very painful. In less than an hour he was a corpse.

The deceased was a native of Ireland. He came to California from New York city. He was about thirty years of age. His remains were brought to this place and interred in the Catholic burying ground.

YANK, LOUIS

DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA **Thursday, June 11, 1863**

Died—At Little Cow Creek, Shasta county, June 2d, Louis Yank, aged about 30 years.

YAGER, F. W.

SHASTA REPUBLICAN **Saturday, November 7, 1857**

Died—In Shasta, on the 6th inst., Mr. F. W. Yager, aged 36 years.
His friends are requested to attend his funeral at 2 o'clock, P. M., this day.

ZORN, HENRY

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 17, 1863**

Died—In Shasta, Jan. 10th, H. Zorn, a native of Lotteringen, France, aged 37 years and 1 month.

CATHOLIC CEMETERY
FRENCH GULCH, CALIFORNIA

List of headstones from archives of Shasta Historical Society. Mrs. Beth Shuford, Custodian, 1975.

BECKWITH, CARRIE	b. Nov. 28, 1884	d. Oct. 18, 1915
BERBERICH, FRANK	b. Dec. 3, 1867	d. Mar. 5, 1892
BURK, PATRICK Stone erected by his friend Eliza Mathewson	b. Co. Cork Ireland	d. Nov. 4, 1888
DESMOND, BRIDGET	b. Kinsale, Co. Cork Ireland	d. Apr. 13, 1904 82 yrs.
DESMOND, DENNIS	b. Garretstown, Co. Cork Ireland	d. June 6, 1890 66 yrs.
DESMOND, JOHANNA Father – Dennis Mother – Bridget	b. Feb. 12, 1868	d. Apr. 8, 1875
FEENEY, (MALE INFANT) Son of R. H. & S. L. Feeney		d. Feb. 26, 1887
FEENEY, RICHARD HENRY	b. Nov. 12, 1822 West Meath Co., Ireland	d. Feb. 7, 1899 French Gulch Calif.
FEENEY, SARAH J.	b. June 30, 1856 Ireland	d. Feb. 20, 1908

FEENEY, THOMAS H.	b. Feb. 26, 1879	d. Aug. 15, 1909
FOLEY, DENNIS C.		
FOLEY, HENRY PATRICK	b. California	d. Apr. 1, 1900 35 yrs.
FOLEY, JAMES P. Father – Michael Mother – Mary	b. Apr. 7, 1868	d. Mar. 7, 1869
FOLEY, MARY	b. Co. Galway Ireland	d. Jan. 20, 1898 63 yrs.
FOLEY, MARY E. Father – Michael Mother – Mary	b. Mar. 23, 1875	d. Dec. 14, 1878
FOLEY, MICHAEL	b. Co. Galway Ireland	d. June 3, 1902 72 yrs.
FOLEY, THOMAS M. Father – Michael Mother – Mary	b. Mar. 3, 1873	d. Dec. 10, 1877
FOLEY, WILLIAM COLEMAN	b. California	d. Feb. 14, 1885, 21 yrs.
GARTLAND, ANN	b. 1824	d. 1907
GARTLAND, BERNARD	b. 1824	d. 1902
GARTLAND, EDWARD F.	b. 1859	d. 1932
GARTLAND, LIZZIE Father – Bernard Mother – Ann		d. Oct. 14, 1865 1 yr. 9 mo.
HOPPING, BRIDGET	b. 1829	d. 1859
KELLEY, PATRICK	b. Aug. 17, 1849	d. Aug. 19, 1915 66 yrs.

KESSEL, CASSIE G.		d. Nov. 22, 1911 25 yrs.
LABOUDIQUE, EDWARD	b. Aug. 6, 1888	d. Apr. 15, 1956
LAWTON, ANN	b. Ireland	d. Aug. 3, 1910 78 yrs.
LAWTON, JOHANNA Husband — Morris	b. Co. Limerick Ireland	d. Dec. 22, 1877 38 yrs.
LAWTON, JOHN	b. Co. Waterford Ireland	d. May 20, 1886 62 yrs.
LAWTON, JOSEPH	b. Aug. 15, 1860	d. June 6, 1892
LAWTON, MORRIS	b. Co. Waterford Ireland	d. July 19, 1891 63 yrs.
MADDEN, CATHARINE	b. Balem Spittle, Co. Cork Ireland	d. July 20, 1872 38 yrs. 9 mo.
MADDEN, JEREMIAH	b. May 12, 1866	d. Feb. 20, 1889
MADDEN, JOHN	b. Oct. 14, 1862	d. Nov. 18, 1889
MADDEN, MATTHEW J.	b. May 29, 1868	d. Dec. 25, 1889
MADDEN, TIMOTHY	b. June 17, 1825 Co. Cork Ireland	d. Sept. 28, 1904
MATHEWSON, ELIZA	b. Co. Wexford Ireland	d. Jan 3, 1892 67 yrs.
MC CARTHY, FRANCIS Wife — Anne	b. Parish of Mount Shannon Co. Limerick Ireland	d. Jan. 31, 1859 30 yrs.

MC CRAY, ANNIE MADDEN	b. Dec. 4, 1870	d. Dec. 9, 1911
MC DONALD, EDWARD CARLTON		d. May 22, 1889 1 yr. 7 mo.
MC DONALD, (MALE INFANT) Father – Thomas Mother – Rose Anna		d. July 14, 1885 4 da.
MC DONALD, ROSE ANNA	b. Nov. 3, 1861	d. Nov. 11, 1946
MC DONALD, THOMAS	b. Sept. 13, 1861	d. Sept. 19, 1933
MC VACCO, HUGH	b. 1826 Ireland	d. 1889
MURRAY, CATHERINE Husband – Timothy	b. Balinspitle Ireland	d. July 17, 1888 65 yrs.
MURRAY, GEORGE T.		d. Jan. 11, 1905 23 yrs.
MURRAY, JAMES	b. Mar. 5, 1862	d. Mar. 26, 1864 2 yrs. 21 da.
MURRAY, JOHN	b. Nov. 9, 1866	d. July 9, 1892
MURRAY, JOHN C.		d. Nov. 7, 1919 36 yrs.
MURRAY, JOHN H.	b. Mar. 18, 1891	d. Sept. 3, 1892
MURRAY, MARY ANN	b. Jan. 21, 1856	d. Dec. 17, 1873 17 yrs. 10 mo.
MURRAY, TIMOTHY	b. Balinspitle, Co. Cork, Ireland	d. May 4, 1887 61 yrs.
MURRAY, TIMOTHY F.	b. Nov. 17, 1858	d. Dec. 16, 1932 74 yrs.

MURRAY, WILLIAM		d. Mar. 2, 1861
NEWBARTH, JAMES		d. June 25, 1871 1 yr. 3 mo.
NEWBARTH, MARY		d. Feb. 8, 1867 4 yrs. 11 mo.
NEWBARTH, MARY		d. Jan. 26, 1874 39 yrs.
SCOBLE, MARY J. Husband – John	b. California	d. July 13, 1898 28 yrs.
SHEEHAN, SARAH J. FEENEY	b. June 30, 1856 Ireland	d. Feb. 20, 1908
SHONHOFFER, THEORADOR	b. Apr. 5, 1846	d. May 10, 1886
STEELE, MARGARET LAWTON	b. June 4, 1873	d. July 9, 1910
WILDER		
WOLF, (MALE INFANT) Son of E. L. & M. E. Wolf		d. Sept. 23, 1899
WOLF, DOROTHY	b. May 3, 1902	d. Apr. 1, 1904

BECKWITH, CARRIE

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, September 19, 1915**

Funeral In French Gulch—Mrs. Marion Beckweth died in the German hospital in San Francisco at 3 o'clock Saturday morning. She was a daughter of Mrs. T. F. Murray of the Mammoth mine and was aged 30. The body will arrive in Redding this morning and will be taken to the old home in French Gulch for interment under the direction of the Houston Undertaking company. The funeral will be conducted from the Catholic church in French Gulch this afternoon by Father Hayes.

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Monday, September 20, 1915**

French Gulch, Sept. 20—The funeral of Mrs. Carrie Beckwith, whose death occurred in San Francisco Saturday morning, was held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Catholic Church.

The decedent had lived here for many years in her girlhood days. Father Cronin of Weaverville conducted the services and at the graveside. A quartet composed of young girls of Weaverville sang appropriate hymns. A large concourse of relatives and friends were in attendance. Interment was made by the Houston Undertaking Company of Redding in the Catholic cemetery where many beautiful floral pieces and flowers were banked on the last resting place of Mrs. Beckwith.

DESMOND, MRS. BRIDGET

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 16, 1904**

Mrs. Bridget Desmond—One by one, the pioneer men and women of Shasta county are laying aside their earthly cares, and resting in the peace that comes to summon them from this life to the good soul's happier reward.

This week, Mrs. Bridget Desmond passed away at her old Oak Bottom homestead. She had been suffering with congestion of the lungs, the fatal end coming Wednesday evening, April 13th. She was aged 82 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Desmond located at French Gulch in the latter part of the fifties. In 1872 they moved to the Oak Bottom place, near the Tower House, on the Shasta and Weaverville road. This place, Dennis Desmond and wife made known as a most popular stopping place. The generous warm heart that animates the children of the Isle of the Harp and Sunburst, always had an honest, hospitable welcome for friend or stranger, the great or small, a reputation it retains to this day. But the best of hearts cannot bear out the burden of the years. Of the departed that has gone to rest, it can be well said that she was a generous, womanly woman, endowed with all the goodness of true wifehood and motherhood. The love of the good wife and tender mother, is the brightest light that illumes this star, adrift in a universe of Mystery, and it is prophecy of a greater, fuller, happier life and love beyond.

She was devoted to home, and leaves a fond memory to be cherished by those near and dear, and friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Desmond leaves four sons, Timothy, Jerry, Dennis and John Desmond.

The funeral took place Friday, Rev. Father Nugent conducting the ceremony. The interment was made in French Gulch cemetery.

DESMOND, DENNIS

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 14, 1890**

From French Gulch—Ed. *Courier*:—Another old-timer of French Gulch, stout-hearted Dennis Desmond, has gone, and left legions of friends that will miss him, for he

was the friend of the traveler or tramp; rough but wholehearted wherever met, generous, honest, and offtimes hospitable to his own injury. He reached near his three score and ten. Desmond had resided of late years at Oak Bottom, but was one of the early settlers at the Gulch, where he was buried last Sunday, 8th inst., by the side of his only daughter that awaited him in the happy land. He leaves a wife and four grown sons—Tim, Jerry, Dennis and John Desmond.

FREE PRESS **Saturday, June 14, 1890**

Another Pioneer Gone—Time is fleeting, and the old pioneers who laid the foundation for a powerful empire on the Pacific coast are fast passing away. Even the native sons are getting old and gray. It is no wonder then that death claims often his victim from among the old guard. On Friday last, June 6th, Dennis Desmond, who for twenty years kept the Oak Bottom house, above Whiskytown, passed away, leaving behind four grown sons—Tim, Jerry, Dennis and Frank, young men of character and standing. Mr. Desmond was born in County Cork, Ireland, 67 years ago. Coming to Shasta county in 1850, he engaged in mining at French Gulch. He was the oldest and last of the original Desmond family, in this county, his sisters Mrs. Curley, Mrs. Madden and Mrs. Condon, having long since passed to that bourne from which no traveler returns. We were acquainted with this big-hearted, honest man, and we know that there are many in Shasta county who will deeply regret his death. He was buried in French Gulch last Sunday morning, his funeral being attended by a large number of friends.

DESMOND, JOHANNA

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 25, 1874**

Died—At Oak Bottom House April __ , Johanna Desmond, aged 6 years.

FEENEY, RICHARD HENRY

DAILY FREE PRESS **Thursday, February 9, 1899**

Richard Henry Feeny—A Pioneer Who Arrived on Weaver Creek, Trinity County, In 1850.

Richard Henry Feeny, who died at French Gulch Tuesday, February 7th, was born in West Meath, Ireland, November 12, 1822. He was the son of Richard and Mary (Hadlet) Feeny, both natives of Ireland.

In April, 1840, Mr. Feeny emigrated to America, landing in New York, and working there for a period of nine years. In the early part of 1849 the wonderful stories of California were brought to the East, and young Feeny, having got the gold fever, sailed on the 14th day of February, 1849, for the great El Dorado of the West, reaching on the 17th day of September of the same year what is now known as the city of San Francisco. From there he went to Sacramento, thence to Weaver Creek. In seven and a half days he took out $1000 with a rocker. He remained there until 1858, when he removed to the South Fork of Scott River, where he successfully mined for seven years. Afterwards at Callahans he conducted a hotel and became owner of a tollroad. He made a competency on the Middle Yuba. After these years of mining he finally located in 1885 in French Gulch and established the hotel that bears his name.

In 1875 Mr. Feeny married Miss Sarah J. Doole, also a native of Ireland. Their issue have been Mary Elizabeth, Thomas Henry, and Arleta. Mr. Feeny was one of nature's noblemen. Generous to a fault, no one left his door unprovided or was refused admission, he was esteemed for his honesty and integrity in his dealings with his fellow man.

He died at the ripe old age of 76 years, beloved by all who knew him and lamented by those he has left behind. May his ashes rest in peace.

FEENEY, THOMAS HENRY

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, July 16, 1909**

Miner Succumbs To Trade's Disease—French Gulch. July 15—Thomas Henry Feeney died here this morning after an illness of over a year's duration due to miner's consumption.

The deceased was born in French Gulch thirty years ago. He lived here all his life and was employed in the French Gulch mines for years. He was a good miner and a steady one when his health permitted him to work. He was a member of the Western Federation of Miners.

There survived him two sisters, Mrs. Ed Wolfe of French Gulch, and Miss Arleta Feeney. His father and mother preceded him to the grave. He was never married.

FOLEY, DENNIS CORNELIUS

BAPTISMAL RECORD, Red Bluff

Dennis C. Foley May 22, 1859
Parents: Michael and Mary Foley
Sponsors: Dennis Connolly and Ann Glennon

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, February 12, 1935**

Dennis C. Foley, 75, Passes Away—Dennis Cornelius Foley, known to his friends as "Dan" Foley, passed away Monday night at the age of 75 years.

A native of California, he had lived in the French Gulch section 13 years, following the blacksmithing trade. He was a member of the local Moose lodge. The only relative is a niece, Mrs. A. R. Clishman of Dorchester, Mass.

Funeral arrangements, in charge of McDonald & Scott, are pending.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, February 13, 1935**

Foley Funeral Will Be Conducted Today—Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock for Dennis Foley, who passed on Monday night. The last rites will take place at the graveside in the French Gulch cemetery with Rev. A. T. Gavin of St. Joseph's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be by McDonald & Scott.

Members of the Redding Moose lodge, of which Foley was a charter member, will be pallbearers.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Thursday, February 14, 1935**

Funeral Conducted For Dennis C. Foley—Funeral services for Dennis C. Foley were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Catholic church at French Gulch with Father A. T. Gavin officiating. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery at French Gulch. Pallbearers were W. A. Houston, Fred Lewis, L. W. Wheeler, A. Fondahn, Fred Condon and Joseph Fifer.

FOLEY, HENRY

BAPTISMAL RECORD, Red Bluff

At French Gulch—Henry Patrick Foley b. Mar. 8, 1865 bap. Oct. 18, 1865
Parents: Michael and Mary Foley
Sponsors: William O'Connor and Catherine Parnell

DAILY FREE PRESS **Tuesday, April 3, 1900**

Tim Foley came down from Hornbrook Monday night and went to French Gulch Tuesday to attend the funeral of his brother Henry Foley.

THE MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, April 4, 1900**

Funeral of Henry Foley—The funeral of Henry Foley took place from the family residence in French Gulch Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment was made in the family plot in the Catholic Cemetery at French Gulch.

FOLEY, JAMES P.

BAPTISMAL RECORD, Red Bluff

At French Gulch—James Peter Foley b. Apr. 7, 1868 bap. May 5, 1868
Parents: Michael and Mary Foley
Sponsors: William O'Connell and Margrete Harrigan

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 13, 1869**

Scalded to Death—Last Saturday a child of Mr. Foley, of French Gulch, pulled a kettle of boiling water off the stove and scalded its body terribly. After suffering in great agony until the following day, death came to its relief.

FOLEY, MARY

DAILY FREE PRESS **Friday, January 21, 1898**

Death of Mrs. Foley—Mrs. Mary Foley, wife of Michael Foley, a pioneer woman of French Gulch, died at her home in that little mining town about 6 o'clock Thursday evening. She had been ill about a week, and her eldest son, Dennis, had been summoned home from Colusa county, where he is employed. The deceased was about 68 years of age. She leaves a husband and three grown sons, Dennis, Timothy and Henry.

The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, January 22d. The burial will be made in the French Gulch cemetery.

THE MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, January 22, 1898**

T. L. Neubarth, who is at present running the meat market in French Gulch for Charles Fox, and William Franck, a member of the firm of C. Franck & Company, arrived in this city early Friday morning, returning to their home in French Gulch the same day. They came to Redding to secure a coffin for the burial of Mrs. Mary Foley, a lady 68 years of age, who had died in French Gulch early Thursday evening. The lady had suffered from a hard cold and being aged, could not withstand its weakening effects. The funeral will take place in French Gulch Saturday afternoon.

FOLEY, MICHAEL

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 7, 1902**

Michael Foley—Another pioneer was summoned by the dark messenger of death when Michael Foley of French Gulch passed into the Land of Silence and Mystery, Tuesday, June 3rd. He was a well known resident of French Gulch, and belonged to the sturdy race who came to the West when it was young, and laid the foundations of all we now enjoy. He was aged 72 years, and leaves two sons, Timothy and Dennis Foley.

FOLEY, THOMAS M.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 15, 1877**

Two of the Foley children and one of Hooper's have died this week, at French Gulch, from diphtheria.

FOLEY, TIMOTHY

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, September 29, 1860**

Births—Near the Tower House, on the 23d. the wife of Michael Foley, of a son.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Timothy Foley b. Sept. 22, 1860 bap. Oct. 21, 1860
Parents: Michael Foley and Mary Foley
Sponsors: Mathew Burns and Barbara Welder

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, December 12, 1919**

Timothy Foley Passes Away—Former constable at Kennett succumbs after a long illness. Timothy Foley passed away in the county hospital at 4:30 last evening.

. . . The decedent was a miner by trade. He followed that occupation at French Gulch for a number of years. He was born in French Gulch and was aged 59 years. Burial will be made in the Catholic cemetery at French Gulch by the gravesides of his parents, both of whom were pioneers. . . .

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, December 14, 1919**

Funeral at 9 A. M.—The funeral services for Timothy Foley will be held in the Houston undertaking parlors at 9 o'clock this morning, Father Hayes officiating. Burial at French Gulch in the afternoon.

FOLEY, WILLIAM

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

William Foley b. Nov. 21, 1864 bap. Oct. 18, 1865
Parents: Michael and Mary Foley
Sponsors: William O'Connor and Catherine Parnell

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, February 14, 1885**

Died, at French Gulch, Feb. 13, 1885, Wm. Foley, a native son of French Gulch, aged 21 years.

GARTLAND, ANNA

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, July 30, 1907**

Passed Away At Age of 83 Years—French Gulch, July 29—Mrs. Anna Gartland died here yesterday at the great age of 83 years. Her death was not unexpected, and for two or three weeks members of the family had been prepared for the end. Owing to Mrs. Gartland's great age it was not expected that her life could be prolonged long.

Mrs. Gartland was one of the pioneers of Shasta County and was the widow of Bernhard Gartland, who died here several years ago.

Three children survive. They are Mrs. Thomas Macdonald and Edward Gartland of French Gulch and John D. Gartland, an attorney of San Francisco who came to French Gulch two weeks ago, being called by the serious condition of his mother.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon, burial being made in the French Gulch cemetery.

GARTLAND, BERNARD

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 8, 1902**

Barnard Gartland—Another pioneer has crossed the Great Divide that separates human destiny from the Great Beyond. At San Francisco, on February 3rd, 1902, Barnard Gartland, an old and esteemed resident of French Gulch, passed away, he having gone to the city some days ago with his son-in-law, Thomas McDonald, to undergo a surgical operation, his advanced age rendering his system too feeble to withstand the ordeal. Barnard Gartland was one of the old guard, of that good hearted class of early manhood, whose ranks are too fast becoming thinned by the relentless hand of time. He was prominent in community affairs, and took an interest in politics, serving as Justice of French Gulch township and was also assessor one term if we are not mistaken. The remains were taken to French Gulch Wednesday, the funeral being largely attended.

GARTLAND, EDWARD

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 31, 1859**

Births—At French Gulch, on the 20th inst., the wife of B. Gartland, of a son.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, June 1, 1932**

Edward Gartland Is Dead At Age Of 74—Edward Gartland, native of French Gulch and employee of the San Francisco mint 25 years, passed away in the bay city Monday evening. He had been ill several months and about a year ago retired from the work at the mint.

The body will arrive in Redding Wednesday morning and will immediately be taken to the Thomas McDonald home in French Gulch, where services will be held. McDonald & Scott are in charge. Announcement of the time for the last rites will be made later.

Gartland was the only brother of Mrs. Thomas McDonald of French Gulch who was with him when he passed on. No other near relatives survive, for he never married. Prior to going to San Francisco early in this century, he engaged in mining near French Gulch. He was about 74 years old.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, June 3, 1932**

Gartland Funeral Was Held Thursday—With friends from all parts of Shasta county assembled funeral services for Edward Francis Gartland were conducted Thursday afternoon from the Catholic church at French Gulch with Father A. T. Gavin of Redding officiating. Burial was made in the family plot in the French Gulch Catholic cemetery.

Pallbearers were James Blagrave, Joseph Pfieffer, Joseph Porter, Ernest Blagrave, Dewey Lucy and Al Fondhon.

GARTLAND, LIZZIE

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 30, 1864**

Births—In French Gulch, Jan. 16th, the wife of B. Gartland, of a daughter.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

At French Gulch—
Elizabeth Gartland b. Jan. 15, 1864, bap. Mar. 6, 1864
Parents: Bernard Gartland and Ann Kearns
Sponsors: John Gartland and Ann Atkinson

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, November 11, 1865

Sad Accident—On the 14th ult., a little daughter of Mr. Barney Gartland, of French Gulch, aged 1 year and 9 months, while playing on a bank of a ditch, fell into it, and was carried by its waters through a covered flume, and drowned.

HOPPING, MRS. WILLIAM E.

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, May 12, 1860

Married—At the Empire Hotel, French Gulch, on the 7th day of November, 1859, by J. B. Stewart, Esq., Wm. E. Hopping to Miss B. Burke.

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, May 12, 1860

Hymenial—We congratulate our friends, Judge Landrum and Wm. E. Hopping, of French Gulch, upon their introduction into the Benedictine Kingdom. Six bottles of champagne enabled us with a dozen others to drink long-life and happiness to you, Bill.

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, July 14, 1860

Died—At French Gulch, July 10, 1860, at 4 o'clock, A. M., Mrs. Wm. E. Hopping aged 26 years.

New York and New Jersey papers please copy.

KELLY, PATRICK

THE SEARCHLIGHT Wednesday, August 18, 1915

Patrick Kelly, Respected Miner of French Gulch—Patrick Kelly, a miner who had made his home in French Gulch or Deadwood for twenty-five years, died in the county hospital at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. He was afflicted with miners' consumption and was admitted to the hospital on August 4. The funeral will be held in French Gulch at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, interment being under the direction of the Houston company.

Patrick Kelly was born in Ireland. He came to California in 1868, settling in Sierra county. For over a quarter of a century he worked near French Gulch where he was respected by everybody.

The decedent leaves a sister, Mrs. Kelly, in San Francisco, and another sister in Chicago. He was a member of the Catholic church.

KESSEL, CASSIE

COURIER—FREE PRESS Thursday, November 23, 1911

Miss Cassie Kessel Dies At The Bay—Cassie Kessel, step-daughter of T. F. Murray of the Mammoth mine, died Wednesday in San Francisco of heart trouble. She will be buried at French Gulch Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The body will be accompanied by the deceased's mother and her aunt, Miss Minnie Allie. Mr. Murray, who came down from the mine Wednesday night, has gone to French Gulch to make arrangements for the burial under the direction of the Houston Undertaking company.

LABOUDIQUE, CELESTINE

SEARCHLIGHT Tuesday, June 19, 1906

Celestine Laubiedague Died At His Home In French Gulch—Celestine Laubiedague died Saturday night at his home in French Gulch. Cancer of the stomach was the cause.

The decedent is survived by his wife and one son. He was a native of France, and 55 years of age. The funeral was held yesterday in French Gulch.

LABOUDIQUE, EDWARD

RECORD–SEARCHLIGHT — Monday, April 16, 1956

E. Laboudique, Miner, Dies–Edward Laboudique, 67, a gold miner of French Gulch, died yesterday in a local hospital. Laboudique, born Aug. 6, 1888, in San Jose, leaves no known relatives.

Services will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the French Gulch Catholic cemetery, the Rev. Father John O'Connor officiating.

LABOUDIQUE, MARIE

THE SEARCHLIGHT — Sunday, December 8, 1929

Marie Laboudique Dies At Age of 82 In French Gulch–French Gulch, Dec. 7–Mrs. Marie Laboudique, 82, a widow, died yesterday morning at her home in French Gulch, where she had resided since 1902. She had been ill for years.

Funeral services will be held at the graveside in the French Gulch Catholic cemetery at 11 o'clock Monday morning. Rev. A. Gavin of Redding will officiate and interment will be made by McDonald & Scott.

Mrs. Laboudique was born in France. She had resided in California more than 40 years. The only surviving relative is a son, Edward Laboudique, of French Gulch.

THE SEARCHLIGHT — Tuesday, December 10, 1929

Marie Laboudique Funeral Conducted–Mrs. Marie Laboudique of French Gulch, who died Saturday, was buried in the French Gulch cemetery yesterday morning. Services were held in the French Gulch Catholic Church at 11 o'clock with Rev. A. Gavin officiating. A large number of friends and neighbors of the aged woman were in attendance at the last rites.

LAWTON, ANN (MRS. JOHN)

COURIER–FREE PRESS — Wednesday, August 3, 1910

Mrs. Lawton Dies In French Gulch–French Gulch, Aug. 3.–Mrs. Lawton, a pioneer of the town of French Gulch, died this morning at her home in the upper end of town. The funeral will be held at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Lawton was a widow aged between 70 and 80. A niece, Mrs. J. A. Steele, who died in the southern part of the state a month ago, was buried here. The grief caused by the death of Mrs. Steele is believed to have hastened the death of Mrs. Lawton.

LAWTON, MRS. JOHANNA

SHASTA COURIER — Saturday, November 12, 1859

Married. On Monday, Nov. 7th, by Rev. Father Rainaldi, Mr. Maurice Lowton to Miss Johanna O'Leary, all of Shasta county.

LAWTON, JOHN

SHASTA COURIER — Saturday, August 27, 1887

The remains of John Lawton, the man who wandered away from his home at French Gulch about a year ago, were found this week by a couple of prospectors near Trinity river, about eight miles from Feeney's, the place where he was last seen alive. It is supposed he became bewildered, got lost and perished from the cold weather.

LAWTON, JOSEPH

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Joseph Lawton b. Aug. 15, 1860 bap. Aug. 26, 1860
Parents: Morris Lawton and Johanna O'Leary
Sponsors: Thomas Lawton and Margaret McCarthy

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 11, 1892**

Joseph Lawton died at his home in French Gulch of consumption, at the age of 32 years. He was buried by the Native Sons of the Golden West, having been a member of Highland Parlor, No. 133. Over thirty Native Sons were in line. The funeral was largely attended by the people of the Gulch and the different mines. C. J. Litsch, C. H. Behrens, W. A. Pryor and Wm. Foster, members of Mt. Shasta Parlor also attended.

LAWTON, MAURICE

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 25, 1891**

French Gulch, July 20, 1891. Ed. Courier:—Maurice Lawton, one of our earliest citizens, settled final accounts yesterday, the 19th inst., aged 63 years.

MADDEN, MRS. CATHARINE

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, August 6, 1859**

Married—By the Rev. Ralph Rainaldi, on the 23d July, Timothy Madden to Miss Catharine Desmond, both formerly of Ireland.

MADDEN, JEREMIAH

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

At French Gulch
Jeremiah Madden b. May 12, 1866 bap. June 1866
Parents: Timothy Madden and Catherine Desmond
Sponsor: Dennis Desmond

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 2, 1889**

Died—At French Gulch, February 26th, 1889, Mr. Jerry Madden, aged about 23 years.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, March 2, 1889**

Card of Thanks—Timothy Madden and family hereby return most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people of French Gulch and vicinity for the kindness shown them during the recent illness and loss of their beloved son and brother and their grateful sympathy will be remembered while life lasts.

The *Courier* also extends the hand of condolence to those bereaved. In the loss of a young man, standing on the very vestibule of life to have to cross the dark river of Death, is something that we inexpressably regret. The heart of the boy, who has gone out of the world, was always warm in greeting to friends, and the face with pleasant smile, will long be missed in old French Gulch town where none knew him but to love him.

MADDEN, JOHN

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

John Madden b. June 2, 1860 bap. July 1, 1860
Parents: Timothy Madden and Catherine Desmond
Sponsors: John Madden and Bridget Flannigan

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 23, 1889**

A delegation of Native Sons of the Golden West went out to French Gulch last Thursday to attend the funeral of their late Brother John Madden, who at the time of his death was President of Highland Parlor of French Gulch. About thirty-six Native Sons wearing their regalias draped in mourning acted as escort, and officiated in the burial ceremonies at the grave. The funeral, we are told, was one of the largest ever witnessed in that town. The floral pieces were large, handsome and appropriate. Mr. Madden was born and raised in French Gulch, and was 28 years of age at the time of his death. He and his brother Matt, formerly with the C. P. R. R. at Sisson, went to Southern California a short time ago in search of health, and on the 18th inst. John died, in Daggett, San Bernardino county.

MADDEN, MATHEW JOSEPH

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Mathew Madden bap. Sept. 1868 at French Gulch
Parents: Timothy Madden and Catherine Desmond
Sponsors: Patrick Gartland and Mary Murray

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, December 28, 1889**

Died at French Gulch, Dec. 25th, 1889, Mathew Joseph Madden. Mr. Madden was born at French Gulch, May 21st, 1868, and was a highly respected young man, who had hosts of friends wherever he was known. His obituary will be published in the next issue.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, January 4, 1890**

Death of Mathew J. Madden—Mathew J. Madden, who died at French Gulch on Christmas day, was buried on Friday, Dec. 27th, the funeral being very largely attended.

He was laid to rest in the old church yard in his native born town, where his mother and two brothers are buried. A year ago these three brothers looked the very picture of health, all manly young men, but consumption, the fell destroyer, claimed them all as victims; first taking Jerry in May last, then Johnny on Thanksgiving day, and lastly Mat, as he was so familiarly called by his friends, quietly passed away on Christmas day. The death of three brothers in so short a time is a severe blow to the members of the family, and the sympathy of the writer as well as the readers of the *Courier*, goes out to them as with one hand in their hour of sorrow and sadness. . . .

MADDEN, TIMOTHY

THE FREE PRESS **Thursday, September 29, 1904**

Twelve Old-Time Friends As Pall Bearers—Twelve pall bearers will officiate at the funeral of Timothy Madden, that old pioneer who passed away at his home at French Gulch Wednesday at noon. The pall bearers will be old time friends of the family of the dead pioneer and double the usual number is necessary because the casket will have to

be borne from the road up a steep hill for a distance of 300 yards to the Catholic cemetery at French Gulch. Six of the pall bearers will act as relief for the other six during the journey to the cemetery.

Timothy Madden was well known and his funeral, that will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, will be largely attended, many going from Redding and other distant places.

T. J. Houston will send the casket up Friday morning and his representative will conduct the funeral.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, September 30, 1904**

Funeral Today Of Timothy Madden—The funeral of Timothy Madden, whose death occurred at French Gulch Wednesday noon, will be held at the Catholic Church in that town this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

There will be twelve pall-bearers and interment will be made in the village cemetery.

Mr. Madden was one of French Gulch's most respected citizens and the whole community is in mourning because of his death. Born in County Cork, Ireland, almost four score years ago, the best part of Mr. Madden's life had been spent in Shasta County and in French Gulch. There he reared his family of six children, four of whom, together with his wife, preceded him to the grave.

The closing years of his life, when the infirmities of age forbade his further active participation in worldly affairs, were spent in retired ease in his comfortable home, being tenderly cared for by his two married daughters, Mrs. G. Reinhaus and Mrs. C. C. McCray. The latter gave up her residence in San Francisco two years ago in order that she might be at her father's side in his declining years.

MADDEN, TIMOTHY, JR.

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Timothy Madden b. Aug. 14, 1864 bap. Oct. 16, 1864
Parents: Timothy Madden and Catherine Desmond
Sponsors: Daniel Harrigan and Helen Lahanly

FREE PRESS **Saturday, February 22, 1896**

Died, in French Gulch, February 15, 1896, Timothy Madden, a native of California, aged 31 years, 5 months and 29 days.

Tim, as he was familiarly known, was born and raised in French Gulch. His conspicuous characteristics were such that he became an honored and respected member of the community, and his warm nature made for him numerous friends. Kind-hearted and generous, it is sad that such a noble character should live a life so brief. Consumption has pursued the family with relentless cruelty, and Tim has followed the way of three brothers gone before. In seven years past there have been four deaths in the family.

The funeral took place at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and was one of the largest attended in French Gulch. An eloquent funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Father Kearly, and his burning words brought many sighs and tears from mourning relatives and sorrowing friends.

The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to the grief-stricken relatives, who so many times within a few years have stood in the shadow of death.

Left to mourn his loss are a sorrowing old father and two sisters—Mrs. G. Reinhaus of French Gulch and Miss Annie Madden, teacher of the Millville school.

The pall bearers were Tim Murray, Professor Stackable, Walter Van Matre, Isaac

Diener, Barney McDonald, George Hackett, Charles Weil, Daniel Harrigan, James Dockery, C. Franck, Fred Condon and George R. Simmons.

Kind and generous friend, may the mysterious boatman bear thee safely o'er.

A Friend

MATTHEWSON, MRS. ELIZA

SHASTA COURIER Saturday, January 9, 1892

Died--Mrs. Eliza Matthewson died suddenly at French Gulch last Sunday afternoon of heart disease. Mrs. Matthewson was a pioneer business woman of French Gulch, having resided there for the past 37 years. She was a woman of kindest impulse and generous heart, and though bold and outspoken in the expression of her convictions, she had a very large circle of friends. By her industry and energetic disposition she accumulated considerable of this world's goods, but the poor or needy never left her door empty handed and many will ever revere her memory for financial aid tendered in time of poverty and distress. She was a good mother to her children of whom she leaves six, Mrs. Luke McDonald, Mrs. Meade Everhart, Mrs. Tom Simpson, Mrs. Chas. McConnell, Mrs. Chris. Reinike, and Wm. Matthewson. Mrs. Matthewson was a native of Ireland, 67 years of age. The funeral took place at French Gulch Tuesday, Judge Edward Sweeny officiating.

Mrs. Eliza Leonard Mathewson
(Courtesy JoAnn Turner Weldon)

Mrs. Charles McConnell (Josephine Mathewson)
(Courtesy JoAnn Turner Weldon)

Mrs. Luke McDonald (Margaret Mathewson)
(Courtesy JoAnn Turner Weldon)

MATHEWSON, MARGARET (MRS. LUKE McDONALD)

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, January 14, 1934**

Margaret McDonald Passes Away Here; Was Aged 76 Years—Mrs. Margaret McDonald, 76, widow of the late Luke McDonald, passed away this morning at the St. Caroline hospital, where she had been a patient the last two weeks.

The requiem mass will be read at 10 o'clock Monday morning by Rev. A. T. Gavin in the St. Joseph's Catholic church. Burial will be made by the Home Undertaking company in the family plot, beside the grave of her husband, in the Redding cemetery.

Mrs. McDonald was born in French Gulch, Nov. 5, 1857, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mathewson. On December 26, 1894 Miss Mathewson was married to Luke McDonald, who passed on June 11, 1930.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. M. K. Reineke of Millville and Mrs. Kate Everhardt of Redding. The late Mrs. Eliza Simpson, who succumbed to injuries sustained in a fall the day after Christmas, was also a sister. The late Mrs. Josephine McConnell was also a sister. . . .

NOTE: *Mrs. McDonald was buried in Redding cemetery.*

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, January 17, 1934**

Mrs. McDonald's Will Is Filed In Redding—Estate Worth $150,000. Large Bequests Are Made To Local Persons By Terms Of Testament. Setting the value of the estate at $150,000, petition for probate of the will of Mrs. Margaret McDonald was filed in superior court yesterday. . . .

Included in the bequests are:

To Rev. A. T. Gavin, $250

To Rev. A. T. Gavin, as priest in charge of St. Joseph's Church, Redding and St. Rose's Church, French Gulch, $750 . . . .

Mc CARTHY, FRANCIS

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, February 5, 1859**

Dreadful Accident—Three Men Killed—On Sunday last, Messrs. W. S. Dodge, James McClure and Francis and Patrick McCarthy, miners, were digging away a portion of their claim, near French Gulch, so as to permit the water to operate beneficially upon it during that day and night, when about a hundred tons of dirt caved in upon them. The water following in a very large volume, the bodies of the men were of course speedily washed out, but not before the vital spark had forever fled from the body of Frank McCarthy. The others were at once attended to, and a messenger started to Shasta for physicians. Before they reached the Gulch, however, James McClure and Patrick McCarthy passed into eternity. Mr. Dodge is yet living but very badly injured.

As we understand it, these men were hydraulic miners, and were working near the brow of a hill upon which their water ditch was located, and immediately under the head of the hydraulic. The dirt rushed at least four hundred yards down the hill, and completely dammed up the waters of Clear Creek. We presume the bodies were carried several hundred yards from the place where the dirt first struck them.

Mr. Dodge was dragged out of the dirt by his wife, who was a sister of the McCarthys.

The venerable mother of the McCarthys is living at French Gulch. It is needless to say that last Sunday was the saddest day of her life.

Mc CRAY, MRS. ANNIE

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Sunday, December 10, 1911**

Mrs. C. C. McCray Is Called Away—Mrs. Annie McCray, wife of C. C. McCray, died Saturday afternoon at 4:30 in San Francisco at the St. Francis hospital, where the estimable Shasta county lady had been confined between three and four months, undergoing operations for a cancerous affliction in the breast that has ended her life.

Usually a robust woman, and apparently radiating health and cheerfulness, Mrs. McCray hardly knew a sick day until attacked by the fatal disease a year ago. She began to fail slowly and, after a local operation, gave up her associations in this city and French Gulch to go to the bay with the intention of remaining until her health was bettered.

The deceased was president of Hiawatha parlor, No. 140, N. D. G. W., being elected to the high office of the lodge near the time she fell ill and was unable to fill the duties of her chair. She was Miss Annie Madden before her marriage to the well known C. C. McCray, who for several years has been traveling representative of a San Francisco wholesale house. She was aged 41 and was born in French Gulch, the home of her parents until the time of their deaths. A sister, Mrs. George Reinhaus, now resides there. Mrs. McCray taught school in different parts of the county and had a wide acquaintanceship, being social in her disposition and a woman of many rare abilities.

The body will be shipped from San Francisco for burial in the French Gulch cemetery, where lie the parents and four brothers, each of the brothers dying between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five years. The husband was in San Francisco when the end came and is making arrangements.

Mrs. McCray was a member of the Catholic church and will be buried with the customary service.

Dennis Desmond was the first notified in this city of the death.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, December 13, 1911**

French Gulch Has Biggest Funeral—People Of Trinity And Shasta Mourn Mrs. C. C. McCray. (Special to *The Searchlight*.)

French Gulch, December 12—Perhaps the largest funeral ever held here was the one today in which the many friends of Mrs. C. C. McCray gathered to pay their last respects to a woman much loved in life and much mourned in death. All business houses were closed and a wealth of beautiful floral pieces were placed at the grave.

Prayers were spoken at the residence of Gustav Reinhaus at 1 p.m. From there the body was taken to the Catholic cemetery for interment, Father Gilmartin of Weaverville officiating. Local vocalists rendered music suitable to the solemn occasion, both at the Reinhaus home and the cemetery. They were Mrs. John Symes and daughter, Mrs. H. Franck, and Frank Neubarth.

Many were in attendance from a distance, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. H. Clineschmidt, Mr. and Mrs. John Desmond, Mr. and Mrs. James Estep, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Souza, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Desmond, Mr. and Mrs. John Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilzean, Mr. and Mrs. Luke McDonald, all of Redding, and Mr. and Mrs. William Welch of Kennett, beside many from Trinity county.

Mc DONALD, EDWARD CARLTON

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 18, 1889**

Thos. McDonald and wife are in San Francisco, where their three year old child is lying seriously ill. Mrs. B. Gartland and Luke McDonald went down last Thursday to join them.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 25, 1889**

Robert McDonald, of the Four Mile House, was in town Wednesday. We regret to learn of the death of Thomas McDonald's child, which occurred this week at San Francisco. It seems that the child was teething, and an operation on the back gums resulted in an inflamation which resulted in death.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 1, 1889**

The funeral cortege of the little child of Thomas McDonald passed through town and the remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery at French Gulch last Sunday.

Mc DONALD, MRS. THOMAS

BAPTISMAL RECORD—Red Bluff

Rosanna Gartland b. Nov. 3, 1861 bap. Nov. 3, 1861
Parents: Bernard Gartland and Ann Kearns
Sponsors: John Gartland and Catherine McGrath

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, November 12, 1946**

Mrs. McDonald, Pioneer, Passes—Mrs. Roseanna McDonald, pioneer French Gulch resident, died last night at St. Mary's hospital in San Francisco after a long illness. She was more than 80 years old.

Mrs. McDonald was a native of French Gulch, and her family—the Gartlands—were among the first to settle in that area, where they engaged in mining. She was the widow of Thomas McDonald, who with his brothers operated the old Brown Bear mine, one of the richest in that section.

Her French Gulch home is a part of the old Gartland mine.

Rosary will be recited tonight in San Francisco. According to tentative plans, the body will arrive here tomorrow afternoon and taken to the family home, where rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Requiem mass will be celebrated at the Catholic church in French Gulch at 10 a.m. Thursday. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Wednesday, November 13, 1946**

McDonald Rites At 10 A. M. Tomorrow—Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. today at French Gulch for Mrs. Roseanna McDonald, pioneer French Gulch resident who died in San Francisco Monday night. A solemn requiem mass will be celebrated at St. Rose's Catholic church in French Gulch at 10 a.m. tomorrow by the Rev. Father A. T. Gavin of Redding. He will deliver the eulogy, while the Rev. Father Francis McEnaney, who will act as deacon, will perform absolutions. The latter is former pastor of the church.

The Rev. John DeAndreis will be sub-deacon.

The church was dedicated in the name of Mrs. McDonald's patron saint, St. Rose, and Mrs. McDonald was largely responsible for establishment of the edifice.

Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

RECORD—SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, November 16, 1946**

McDonald Will Lists Eighteen Heirs—Mrs. Rose Anna McDonald whose estate is worth upwards of $85,000 named eighteen heirs in her will, including Father A. T. Gavin of Redding and St. Rose Catholic church of French Gulch. . . . The French Gulch church will receive $10,000 from a bequest to the Bishop of Sacramento. Father Gavin is to receive $1000. . . .

Mrs. McDonald's estate represents part of the fortune which came out of Brown Bear gold mine in the French Gulch section. A large part of the estate accrued to Mrs. McDonald on the death of her husband several years ago, Thomas McDonald, who operated the mine with his two brothers.

Carr and Kennedy are attorneys for the petitioners.

Mc DONALD, THOMAS

THE SEARCHLIGHT — Wednesday, September 20, 1933

McDonald Funeral To Be Conducted Thursday Morning—Funeral services for Thomas McDonald, 72 years old native of Shasta county, who passed away yesterday morning at 7 o'clock at his French Gulch home, will be conducted tomorrow.

The solemn rites of the Catholic church will be exemplified. Fathers McCarthy of Oroville and Gavin and O'Shea of Redding will participate in the requiem mass in the morning at 9 o'clock. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Rose's Catholic Church in French Gulch the last rites will be completed. Interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery at French Gulch by McDonald & Scott. Rosary and the litany for the dead will be recited at the residence in French Gulch at 8 o'clock this evening.

Although Mr. McDonald's health had been failing several months, the passing was unexpected, precipitated by a stroke brought on last night by excitement occasioned by a fire in the home of a neighbor, Joseph Porter.

McDonald is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rose Anna McDonald, of French Gulch, who was with him when he passed away, and the following nieces and nephews: Mrs. Eleanor Blackshaw, Mrs. Margaret Harvey, Mrs. Bertram Wilcox, Mrs. Bernice McMullen, Miss May Gertrude McDonald, James McDonald, Thomas McDonald, Luke McDonald. He was a brother of the late Luke Bernard McDonald of Redding.

The brothers were the owners of the famous Brown Bear mine, from which their fortunes were derived. Both devoted their lives before retirement to mining and allied endeavors. Both made Shasta county their home throughout their lives.

For many years Thomas McDonald and his wife have spent the winters in San Francisco coming to their French Gulch home for the summer season.

Mr. McDonald was born September 13, 1861, at Whiskytown and moved to French Gulch in 1880.

Arrangements for the funeral are being made by McDonald & Scott of Redding but are not yet complete.

THE SEARCHLIGHT — Friday, September 22, 1933

Host Of Friends At McDonald Funeral—A large concourse of friends and relatives attended the funeral services held Thursday morning for Thomas McDonald, 72 year old native of Whisky creek who passed on this week at his French Gulch home. Mass was solemnized by Rev. A. T. Gavin and Rev. James O'Shea of Redding and Rev. McCarthy of Oroville at 9 o'clock. In the afternoon services were held in St. Rose's church in French Gulch and interment was made there by McDonald & Scott in the Catholic cemetery.

The honorary pallbearers were Barney Ford, E. N. Wheeler, Donald Fox, Herman Huelsman, Dollis Garvin, Al Fondahn, Ray Franck, William Junkans, John White, Lawrence Wheeler and Samuel Rasmussen.

The pallbearers were Joseph Pfeiffer, Raymond Jackson, Joseph Porter, E. E. Erich, Ernest Blagrave and James Blagrave.

Mc VICKER, HUGH

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS — Saturday, November 23, 1889

Hugh McVickers, an old mining partner of B. Gartland of French Gulch, died in San Francisco this week. He will be buried at French Gulch.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, November 30, 1889**

French Gulch, November 23, 1889—Hugh McVicker, one of the early settlers of the Gulch, died in San Francisco on the 20th inst., where he went several weeks ago for his health. Hard work hurried his demise, and passers up and down East Fork of Clear Creek will miss that genial and hospitable face that has hibernated up there the past 18 years. He was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and near his three score and ten years.

NOTE: *The headstone lettered "Hugh McVacco" may be that of Hugh McVicker.*

MURRAY, GEORGE

THE FREE PRESS **Thursday, January 12, 1905**

George Murray Has Passed Away—George Murray died at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening at the county hospital. The body was taken to French Gulch Thursday and the funeral will be held at that place Friday afternoon.

Murray's mother and sister arrived from San Francisco Thursday morning and went to the Gulch. The father, Timothy Murray is a well known and respected citizen of Shasta county and the family is one of the oldest in that section of the county.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, January 14, 1905**

Funeral of George Murray—The funeral of George Murray was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Catholic Church in French Gulch. The services were conducted by Father Nugent. The interment was made in the French Gulch cemetery.

MURRAY, JOHN

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, July 16, 1892**

French Gulch, July 11, 1892—Another familiar face and form, another Native Son, John Murray, has gone from among us, and so suddenly and unexpected we are scarcely able to realize that we will meet him no more. After a brief illness of two days, Jack Murray, as we all called him here where he has grown up from infancy, passed away, at the age of twenty-five years. He was buried by the N. S. G. W. of which he was a highly esteemed member. He leaves a wife and young son to mourn his untimely demise. Quite a large concourse of friends and neighbors from all over the country, fully 250, paid their last tribute of respect to his remains and attended his burial. —Vilkins

MURRAY, JOHN C.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, November 8, 1919**

John C. Murray Dies—John Clarence Murray died Friday. The funeral will be in French Gulch at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The decedent was a son of T. F. Murray, blacksmith foreman at the Mammoth mine. He was aged 36 years. . . .

MURRAY, TIMOTHY SR.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 14, 1887**

Timothy Murray, who died at French Gulch last week, was aged 60 years. He, like Foley, Charley Francks, and Dr. Plumb, who died there not long ago, was also an old resident of the Gulch.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, May 28, 1887**

Timothy Murray, Sr., deceased on the 4th inst. had resided at French Gulch about 32 years. He had all financial affairs completely arranged by deed and donation ere the final moment arrived. How few can say the same.

MURRAY, TIMOTHY FRANCIS

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, December 17, 1932**

T. F. Murray; Shasta Native, Dies; Aged 74—Timothy Francis Murray, who was born at French Gulch 74 years ago and spent his entire life in that district, died at his home last night.

Mr. Murray was a blacksmith by trade, but at one time operated a printing plant at Shasta. He had a wide circle of close friends and acquaintances throughout Shasta and Trinity counties.

Decedent is survived by his widow, Mrs. Adelaide Ann Murray; a daughter, Mrs. E. Wulzen of Berkeley, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret E. Franck of French Gulch.

The time for the funeral, arrangements for which are being made by the Home Undertaking Company, has not been set, but burial will be at French Gulch.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, December 20, 1932**

Murray Rites Held—In spite of the stormy weather, many old friends and neighbors of the pioneer, Timothy Francis Murray, gathered in the St. Rose Catholic Church in French Gulch to attend the last rites for the venerable man. The services were held at 10 o'clock Monday morning with Rev. A. T. Gavin of Redding officiating.

Burial was made by the Home Undertaking Company in the French Gulch Catholic cemetery.

Sunday evening the rosary and litany were recited in the chapel of the mortuary.

Redding and all western Shasta was represented at the last rites.

Pallbearers were Denny Falby, Samuel Statton, George Oliver, Feeny McCampbell, Frank Jones, Joseph Pfeiffer, J. H. Porter, John Desmond, "Bud" Wheeler, Al Fondahn, Thomas Davis, H. Carter.

NEWBARTH, MARY

SHASTA COUNTY MARRIAGES 1852-1904
Shasta Genealogical Society

Dec. 26, 1860 Newberth, Julius Mary Murry

NEWBARTH, JULIUS

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Tuesday, December 24, 1895**

Another Pioneer Gone—Only a little more than a month has elapsed since it became the sad duty of your Reporter to chronicle the death of one of our oldest pioneers at French Gulch, Mr. Franck of this place. Again the death angel has visited our community, and Mr. Julius Newbarth has gone to join the majority beyond the River. He passed away about noon on Saturday, having been confined to his bed but two or three days. He was buried at 3 p.m. Sunday in the cemetery of this village.

Mr. Julius Newbarth was born in Saxony in May, 1830. About the year 1832 his parents came to the United States, and settled on government land near Saxeton in Southern Illinois. Julius was one of the elder sons in a family of seventeen children, nine of whom still live. At the age of twenty-four, the spirit of adventure, and the attractions of the golden west caused him to set out with his brother, and other young men for the Pacific Coast. His brother stopped in Tehama county, but Julius came on

to Shasta county, and became one of the pioneers of French Gulch, arriving here in 1854, and commenced mining. Several years later he married Mary Murray of Shasta. They commenced married life in the town of French Gulch, where six children were born to them, five of whom still live namely: Louisa (Mrs. Plumb), Timothy, John, James and Frank. All live in their native village, except John, who is in business in San Francisco. For a few years preceding 1870, Mr. Newbarth owned and kept the Empire Hotel. After that he moved up the creek to the farm now owned by Mr. John Whitney, where he remained several years, and then returned to the Gulch to live, where Mrs. Newbarth died in 1872.

Ever since that time he has been living here, always well known and well thought of by everybody. For many years he fulfilled the duties of Roadmaster for this locality. In his earlier years he was a hard working man, never sparing himself; but for more than a year past he has been an invalid from the effects of the disease which finally caused his death. A familiar figure has left the streets. A kindly honest old gentleman, with a good word for all. He will be missed more than many a man who made greater pretentions and more noise in the busy, forgetful world.

NOTE: *Julius Newbarth was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, French Gulch, California.*

SCOBEL, MRS. MARY

REPUBLICAN FREE PRESS **Saturday, December 27, 1890**

John Scoble and Miss Mary Lawton of French Gulch were married in this city December 20th, Judge Simonds tying the knot.

DAILY FREE PRESS **Wednesday, July 13, 1898**

The death of Mrs. Mary Scobel, wife of John Scobel, occurred about 11 o'clock a.m. Tuesday at the family residence in French Gulch. She has suffered for several months with paralysis. Mrs. Scobel leaves a husband and two children, a boy and a girl. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

THE MORNING SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, July 16, 1898**

Mrs. James and daughter, Mrs. Henwood, who arrived in this city from Grass Valley Thursday evening spent Friday with relatives in Keswick. They will leave Saturday for French Gulch, where they will spend a short while with John Scobel, Mrs. James' son. Upon their return to Grass Valley the ladies will take with them the two children of Mr. Scobel, who were but recently bereft of the loving care of a mother. The little ones will make their home in Grass Valley with their grandmother.

SHEEHAN, MRS. PATRICK A.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, February 21, 1908**

Mrs. Sheehan Dies In Copper City—Copper City, Feb. 20—Mrs. Patrick A. Sheehan died here in the family home at 10 o'clock this morning. She had been bedfast for a month, her illness being described by the physician as a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Sheehan was aged 51 years. Before coming to Copper City a few years ago, when she married Mr. Sheehan, she lived in French Gulch. She was then Mrs. Feeney and for a great many years conducted the Feeney Hotel. She was a kind-hearted woman and made many friends wherever she lived.

By her first husband she had three children: Mrs. Ed L. Wolf of French Gulch, Mrs. Wallace McCampbell of Copper City and Harry Feeney. All three were present today at the death.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, further than that burial will be in French Gulch. The Houston Company has charge of the burial and the body will be taken to Redding during the night.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Saturday, February 22, 1908**

At French Gulch Today—The funeral of Mrs. Patrick A.Sheehan, who died Thursday morning in Copper City, will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in French Gulch, where she lived for so many years. Requiem mass will be celebrated in the Catholic church in French Gulch in the morning.

STEELE, MARGARET LAWTON

COURIER—FREE PRESS **Monday, July 11, 1910**

Mrs. Jake Steele Died Saturday—Mrs. Jake Steele died in San Luis Obispo Saturday morning. The funeral will be held in French Gulch tomorrow.

Mrs. Steele, formerly Miss Lawton, was born and reared in French Gulch, where her aunt, Mrs. John Lawton, still resides. Mrs. Steele was aged 33.

The funeral party arrived from San Luis Obispo this morning and departed for French Gulch. The T. J. Houston Company has charge of the funeral arrangements.

WILDER, WILLIAM

THE FREE PRESS **Thursday, February 18, 1904**

Died at French Gulch—William Wilder, a well known miner, who had lately been employed at the American mine, died at his home in French Gulch Thursday morning. The cause of his death was pneumonia, from which he had been suffering for some time. Wilder was about 48 years of age and a popular man. He leaves a wife and little boy. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at French Gulch.

THE SEARCHLIGHT **Friday, February 19, 1904**

Death of William Wilder—William Wilder, a miner well known in the region of his home at French Gulch, died there yesterday morning of pneumonia. He contracted the fatal illness at the American mine, where he was last employed. He leaves a widow and one child. A coffin was sent up yesterday by Undertaker Houston for the funeral, which will take place this morning at French Gulch.

WOLF, DOROTHY EDITH

DAILY FREE PRESS **Tuesday, March 29, 1898**

Wedding Bells—William H. Wolf, Edward L. Wolf, Miss Fannie Wolf and Miss Mary E. Feeny came down from French Gulch Monday evening, and as a sequel to their visit Edward L. Wolf secured from County Clerk Drynan Tuesday morning a license to marry Miss Mary E. Feeny.

The wedding took place about 11 o'clock in the city hall, Judge J. W. Garden performing the ceremony.

The groom is a well-known miner of French Gulch, a native of California, aged 25 years, while the bride, aged 21 years and a native of the Golden State also, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Feeny, pioneer residents of French Gulch.

FREE PRESS (WEEKLY) **Saturday, May 10, 1902**

Born—At French Gulch, May 3, 1902, to the wife of Ed Wolfe, a daughter.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, April 9, 1904**

Died At French Gulch—Dorothy Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wolf of French Gulch, died at that place Thursday, and with the passing of her brief life the brightness and sunshine of this beautiful springtime went out of the hearts of those who loved her, for she was an only child and the blessing of a household which will now be desolate without the baby presence. The child would soon have been two years old. The parents have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends, but only the healing touch of Time can ease the pain that came to them through the death of this little one.

APPENDIX A

MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY WHO HAVE SERVED IN SHASTA COUNTY

BISHOPS' VISITATIONS TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF SHASTA COUNTY, 1853-1903

The archives of the Archdiocese of San Francisco contain "Liber Visitationis Episcopalis" in which are recorded the visits of Archbishop Alemany to the churches of Shasta County in 1855 and 1857.

According to Msgr. Cornelius P. Higgins, the Chancery in Sacramento has no bishop's appointment books until the time of Bishop McGucken.

The following list of bishops' visitations was made from newspaper reports and may not be complete.

Archbishop Joseph Sadoc Alemany, O.P.	1855, 1857
Bishop Eugene O'Connell	1861, 1866, 1868, 1871, 1875, 1876, 1880
Bishop Patrick Manogue	1881, 1883, 1891
Bishop Thomas Grace	1897, 1900, 1901, 1902

PRIESTS WHO SERVED THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF SHASTA COUNTY 1853-1903

There being no official records available, these names of priests who served the Catholic churches of Shasta County were obtained from newspaper reports. The list may not be complete nor the dates accurate. During Shasta's period of greatest activity there was a resident priest in Shasta. Later the churches of Shasta County were served by priests from Weaverville and Red Bluff.

Rev. Martin Francis Schwenninger, O.S.B.	1853
Rev. Raphael Rainaldi	1855-1860
Rev. Thomas Cody	1857
Rev. Bernard McFeeley	1857
Rev. Patrick O'Reilly	1860-1864
Rev. Kums	1861
Rev. John Nulty (McNulty)	1864-1866
Rev. Paul Hyacinth Greco, C.P.	1864
Rev. Patrick O'Kane	1866-1867, 1869-1870
Rev. Thomas Grace	1867-1868
Rev. Matthew Coleman	1869-1874
Rev. Stephen Kearney	1871
Rev. Patrick Farrelly	1874-1877
Rev. Michael Walrath	1877

Rev. William Clarke	1877
Rev. James Hunt	1874, 1877-1887
Rev. James Claire (Clare)	1883-1884
Rev. Bernard McFeeley	1885-1887
Rev. John F. Quinn	1887-1894
Rev. Carmody	1892-1893
Rev. Cornelius C. McGrath	1894-1903
Rev. P. Kirley	1895-1896
Rev. M. Connolly	1897
Rev. Thomas Nugent	1900-1903
Rev. J. E. Fitzgerald	1902

PRIESTS WHO VISITED THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF SHASTA COUNTY 1853-1903

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Rev. Gallagher	1857, 1860
Rev. James Croke	1859
Rev. Charles Delahunty	1862, 1863
Rev. James Buchard, S.J.	1865, 1867
Rev. James Callan	1887
Rev. C. O'Connor	1887
Rev. Patrick Henneberry, C.PP.S.	1889
Rev. Doherty, C.S.P.	1896
Rev. Samuel B. Hedges, C.S.P.	1896
Rev. Gregory P. Leggio, S.J.	1898
Rev. W.E. Hopper, C.S.P.	1898
Rev. Peter J. Moran, C.S.P.	1902
Rev. Charles A. Ramm	1903

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
REDDING, CALIFORNIA

The following list of priests who have served in St. Joseph Parish was prepared by Karen Gimblin Lemmon with the assistance of Msgr. John O'Connor. The names and dates of the arrival and departure of the priests during the early years of the parish were determined from entries in the baptismal record, and while the dates are approximate, they are fairly accurate.

PASTORS

Rev. Thomas Nugent	1903-1913
Rev. Christopher Tevlin	1913-1914
Rev. Thomas J. Hayes	1914-1921
Rev. Michael McNaboe	1921-1922
Rev. Patrick J. Cronin	1922-1926
Rev. Alphonsus T. Gavin	1926-1951
Rev. Patrick McTague	1951-1952
Msgr. John O'Connor	1952-present

ADMINISTRATORS

Rev. Thomas O'Brien	1950
Rev. Patrick McTague	1950-1951

ASSISTANT PASTORS

Rev. Dominic Taverna	1907-1908
Rev. Peter Huesges	1909
Rev. Michael V. Myles	1921
Rev. J. Healy	1926-1927
Rev. Lawrence J. Roach	1927
Rev. Joseph Madden	1927-1930
Rev. James O'Shea	1932-1934
Rev. John Connelly	1934-1935
Rev. Patrick Keane	1935-1936
Rev. Thomas Kirby	1936-1937
Rev. James Kenny	1937-1940
Rev. Niall Harrington	1940-1945
Rev. John DeAndreis	1945-1948
Rev. Francis McEnaney	1946-1947
Rev. Brian Kelly	1948-1949
Rev. Daniel Minogue	1948-1949
Rev. Niall Harrington	1949-1950
Rev. Patrick Burke	1949-1950
Rev. Thomas O'Brien	1949-1954
Rev. William Walsh	1950-1956
Rev. Patrick Nolan	1954-1957
Rev. Brendan O'Sullivan	1956-1958
Rev. William Kinane	1957-1962
Rev. John Dowling	1958-1961
Rev. Michael Fadden	1961-1966
Rev. John McDonnell	1962-1963
Rev. Joseph Vereker	1963-1965
Rev. James Mulligan	1965-1971
Rev. Kieran McMahon	1966-1971
Rev. Patrick O'Connor	1971-1973
Rev. John Crowley	1971-1976
Rev. Michael Kiernan	1973-1977
Rev. John Lawrence	1976-present
Rev. Michael Turner	1977-present

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH
BURNEY, CALIFORNIA

PASTORS

Rev. John DeAndreis	1948-1957
Rev. Patrick Corkell	1957-1961
Rev. Daniel Cullinan	1961-1971
Rev. Charles Brady	1971-1973
Rev. Robert Connelly	1973-1974
Rev. Januarius Rodrigues	1974
Rev. Aidan O'Reilly	1974-present

SACRED HEART PARISH
ANDERSON, CALIFORNIA

PASTORS

Rev. Walter Albrecht	1949-1961
Rev. Thomas O'Brien	1961-1968
Rev. William Broderick	1968-1971
Rev. William Kinane	1971-1973
Rev. James McKnight	1973-present

ASSISTANT PASTOR

Rev. Thomas P. O'Sullivan	1977-present

APPENDIX B

REV. RAPHAEL RAINALDI

NOTE: *In the historic town of Shasta is a road sign which reads, "Father Rinaldi's Foundation 1856, ¼ mile." This refers to the stone foundation of a church, the cornerstone of which was laid in 1857, but the church was never completed. The name Father Rainaldi is well known in this area but little is known of the man.*

We know that he was born in Italy about 1808 and that he arrived in Naperville, Illinois in 1846 with his sister, neither able to speak a word of English, and that he was to serve in a parish of thirteen contributing members in a German community. He was pastor in several parishes in Illinois for nine years before coming to California and bringing his sister with him. Her name, Margaret Rainaldi, appears in the Baptismal Register, Red Bluff, as a sponsor at baptisms.

From 1855 to 1860 Father Rainaldi labored in Shasta, established a school, built the stone foundation for a new church, bought an organ for the church, had a choir, celebrated high mass on special occasions such as Easter Sunday and Christmas midnight, and developed a farm with an orchard and vineyard.

The 1860 census tells us that twelve-year-old Mary Obrien, who was born in Illinois, was a member of his household, along with his sister. Who was Mary Obrien? Was she an orphan and did Father Rainaldi and his sister bring her with them from Illinois? They left Shasta in 1860 when the mines were petering out, when there were no funds coming in to complete the church, and probably not enough income to support a resident priest. Where did they go? The archdiocesan archives record only the fact that Father Rainaldi was granted exit from the archdiocese August 26, 1860. A letter written by Bishop O'Connell to All Hallows indicates that Father Rainaldi may have died by 1864 leaving unpaid debts. Extensive research has failed to reveal where he went when he left Shasta.

From a letter of Bishop O'Connell to All Hallows,
dated December 9, 1864
quoted by Henry L. Walsh, S. J.
in *Hallowed Were The Gold Dust Trails*

My dear Father Bennett: No sooner is one trouble at an end than another arises. I have next got to encounter another debt, contracted before my appointment to this Vicariate by a Father Rinaldi, pastor of a place called Shasta. Although there is not a vestige of a church in that same Shasta, yet the Archbishop of San Francisco claims from me the full amount of a loan with interest, I suppose, which he advanced to Father Rinaldi whilst engaged in his Utopian scheme of building a church which he was not able to finish, owing to a lawsuit in which he got involved with the contractor and which exhausted, I dare say, the major part of the loan. Add to this a demand or claim which the Rev. Joseph Gallagher, brother of the Rev. H. P. Gallagher, urges for the

interest and principal, which the late Rev. Rinaldi promised to pay him in consideration of the loan of $500 by the Rev. J. A. Gallagher to the said Rev. Rinaldi. It does not appear from the parochial or pastoral register that Father Rinaldi expended the $500 borrowed from Father Joe on building churches; but what appears very clearly from Father Rinaldi's note which Father Gallagher sent me, and which he expects me to pay, is that the former divine promised to pay the latter eighteen percent annually until he would find it convenient to pay the principle. Poor Father Rinaldi did not find it convenient to pay either principal or interest till the day of his death (inclusive), so that his debt like a species of original sin, has fallen on me! . . .

From letter of Peter T. Conmy
to Charles J. Gleeson
dated May 30, 1972

It is clear from the letter of Bishop O'Connell to which you refer, reproduced on page 334 of Father Walsh's *Hallowed Were The Gold Dust Trails*, that Father Rainaldi was deceased in 1864. I have been unable to find a listing of his death so far. Referring back to Father Walsh, his footnote 204 states that Father Rainaldi was adopted by Father Hugh Gallagher during his European travels. I do not find this to be the case, however. In 1847 Father Raphael Rinaldi was pastor at Naperville, Illinois, under Chicago and also attended Babcock's Grove and Aurora. In 1851 he was pastor of St. Mary's in Peoria, and in 1852 of St. Joseph's in Brimfield, Illinois.

In 1857 the Catholic Directory lists him as at Shasta and this appears in the years that followed until 1861 when he is not mentioned, and Shasta is shown as served from Weaverville. No National Catholic Directory was published in 1862 and 1863 and the 1864 edition's obituary covers the missing years, but Father Rainaldi is not mentioned. I assume, therefore, that he died in 1864 and is listed either in 1865 or 1866, and if these may be located in a library or archives, the date and place of Father Rainaldi's death may be solved.

From letter of Rev. Patrick B. Brennan, Pastor,
St. Joseph Church, Brimfield, Illinois,
dated September 1974

Father Raphael Rainaldi served St. Mary's, Kickapoo, Ill. 1848 to 1851. This is all the information I have. Sorry, there is no record at St. Joseph's.

From letter of Rev. L.M. Morrissey,
Saint Mary's Church of Kickapoo, Edwards, Ill.,
dated September 20, 1974

The records of St. Mary's of Kickapoo do not go back to the mid 1800's. I am very sorry that I cannot help you in your wish concerning Father Rainaldi.

From letter of Rev. Eugene Doherty, Pastor,
SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Naperville, Ill.,
dated September 14, 1974

According to our files, Father Raphael Rainaldi, an emigrant from Italy, was sent by the recently formed diocese of Chicago, Illinois, to be the first resident pastor of this parish. Our records are not definite whether this parish mission had been called St. Raphael's before 1846, when Father Raphael Rainaldi arrived. However it was

known as St. Raphael's until 1864. A second parish established in Naperville is now known as St. Raphael's.

In 1846 when Father Rainaldi, accompanied by his sister, came to Naperville, a German community, he spoke neither English nor German. He took up residence in the home of Willard Scott, a non-Catholic, and quickly learned English. The Willard Scott family is now unknown here. This small parish of thirteen contributing members had been building a church, which no doubt prompted the assignment of Father Rainaldi here. The Willard Scott family contributed fifty dollars toward the building of the church. Our twenty-five acre cemetery was purchased in 1845 for forty dollars.

To quote from our centennial book: "After just two years of active work in Naperville, Father Rainaldi was transferred to St. Mary's church, Peoria, Illinois in June 1848. In 1848 the financial condition of the parish (St. Raphael's) was so bad the parish church was about to be auctioned off. A parishioner, Joseph Wherli, picked up the mortgage."

None of our parish history books make any mention of Father Rainaldi after 1848.

From letter of Sacra Congregatio De Propaganda Fide,
00120 Citta Del Vaticano,
dated July 4, 1975

I regret to inform you that there are no documents in our Archives that can furnish you the precise information you wanted because as of the present, I found only two documents regarding Father Raynaldi. One is a letter dated November 25, 1848, written in St. Louis, containing a petition for a subsidy on behalf of the church of Peoria, Illinois, where he was pastor. The other is the answer of the S. Congregation, dated January 30, 1849, in which the Cardinal Prefect regrets that he is unable to comply with his request.

From letter of Rev. Daniel F. Walsh, Assistant Chancellor,
Archdiocese of San Francisco,
dated September 8, 1975

I have checked each of the references in our archives concerning Father Rainaldi. Unfortunately, the last item given on October 26, 1860 does not give any indication as to the destination Father Rainaldi had in mind.

Archbishop Alemany merely mentions that Father Rainaldi was granted his request, and given permission to leave. I am afraid that is all these archives have.

From letter of Thomas V. Schmidt,
Reference Division, Mullen Library
The Catholic University of America,
Washington, D. C.,
dated September 18, 1975

I have checked our Catholic Directories for 1860-1866 and find the last mention of Fr. Raphael Rainaldi in the 1860 Directory. At that time he was stationed at Holy Cross parish in Shasta. In the 1861 directory Shasta is serviced from Weaverville, so Shasta must have lost its parish and its pastor in the same year. Unfortunately no obituary for Fr. Rainaldi appears so it is not possible to tell with certainty whether he died, retired, or whatever.

**From a letter of Rev. M. J. Madaj, Archdiocesan Archivist,
Archdiocese of Chicago,
dated February 15, 1974**

Your request for information about the place and time of Fr. Rinaldi's death reached me the first week of February. At the time I was busily engaged in writing a biographical sketch of the first Bishop of Chicago, William Quarter. Furthermore, the search for information about Fr. Rinaldi became more complicated since we do not have biographical sketches of the priests who worked in the Diocese of Chicago. Neither do we have many papers before 1871 since they all went up in flames in the Great Chicago Fire of that year. Whatever scant material we do have was miraculously saved or copied from other archives.

After checking all possible places I could not come upon any information as to the time and place of Fr. Rinaldi's death. While working on Bishop Quarter's biographical sketch I used his diary; there Fr. Rinaldi was mentioned a couple of times, but I did not note the places. I would suggest that you write to the various parishes you named in your letter or to the chancery offices of the diocese where these parishes are located.

SHASTA COURIER **Saturday, June 13, 1896**

Shasta Schools 1896–1856—In March 1856, forty years ago, in old files of the *Courier* office, we find a partial report of Co. School Supt. Chappell. . . .

Mrs. Lee learned the young idea how to shoot, at a private school and Rev. Ralph Rinaldi conducted a school in the Catholic church. The *Republican* described the reverend gent as a "ripe scholar and highly qualified to teach." He was ripe indeed after the style of an over ripe egg, inasmuch as he turned out bad, and we hope none of his pupils followed the example he taught. About that time the Catholics resolved to build a brick church or cathedral of imposing proportions at Shasta. Good father Rinaldi devoted great energy to the work of raising funds. He had nuns come up from Sacramento and Frisco to assist him. They took in all the rich mining camps of Shasta, Trinity and Siskiyou, and when appealed to for money the miners with generosity characteristic of the day sent the sisters to the pans to help themselves. About $30,000 was raised. Workmen were hired at $5 and $10 a day on the foundation. No money coming from the father, a kick was soon coming from the workmen. But their kick never touched good father Rinaldi. He was gone. So was the $30,000. The stone foundation still remains on the old mill lot, a monument to that ripe scholar, and a spooning place for spoony people.

NOTE: *The above account was written forty years after Father Kainaldi established his school at Shasta. Years of research have failed to uncover facts which verify the statements that nuns begged in the mining camps of northern California for funds for the construction of the church at Shasta, that $30,000 was amassed and that Father Rainaldi absconded with the money.*

This article may be the source of the legend that the church at Shasta was never completed "because the priest ran away with the money."

APPENDIX C

SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

A request was made of the Sisters of the Holy Family for the history of their order in Redding. On November 11, 1968 Sister M. Annette, one of the first Sisters to serve in Redding, sent this brief history with a note saying:

> Sister Lucy is now in Los Angeles and until last year was still teaching the children. She just did not want to give up her CCD work. All of the other Sisters who were in Redding are still active in our wonderful work.
>
> In 1958 we moved our Motherhouse and Junior College to Mission San Jose. We have a beautiful place here. We still have our Convent in San Francisco and serve many parishes from it.

The Sisters Of The Holy Family In Redding—The first religious Community of Sisters to live in Redding arrived in May 1941 under the leadership of Sister M. Rita, first Superior. Sister M. Ludwina, Sister M. Monica and Sister M. Annette were her first companions. Sister M. Lucy later assumed the position of Superior. When her term of office expired, the responsibility was assumed by Sister M. Tarcisius. Sister M. Basil, Sister M. Georgina, Sister M. Amelia and Sister M. Martha also spent several years in Redding. In October of 1949, while Sister M. Tarcisius was the Superior, the little Community left Redding when St. Joseph School was opened. The Sisters moved to Walnut Grove.

The Sisters conducted religion classes in Redding, Anderson, Toyon, and Montgomery Creek. For those who could not come to classes because of the distance, the Sisters went to them, holding classes on some of the ranches. The Sisters taught under challenging circumstances. One town was fortunate enough to provide a church. A theater was available in another area; a post office building, a fire house and a recreation hall in the other areas.

On December 21, 1941, the first Christmas entertainment was held on Sunday afternoon. The occasion attracted many parents and friends. The following Christmas, carols were broadcast from the Church beginning at 9:30 P.M. The Mormons in Redding graciously accepted an invitation from the Pastor and contributed largely to the "Carol Program."

A Nursery School was opened at the request of the Pastor and children were received daily, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 A.M. until noon. Children of all nationalities and religions were accepted from two years of age until they were ready for school. They received basic training according to their age levels.

Visiting the homes to find children and parents who needed spiritual and sometimes temporal assistance, was a very important aspect of the Sisters' work. They often went from trailer to trailer, from cabin to cabin among the pines and oaks. More than one amusing incident happened during these visits. One day as the Sisters approached a

home for a visit, a little boy saw the Sisters through the window, and ran to his mother. His mother later told the Sisters that he had announced to her that two girl scouts were at the front door!

The convent at 1725 Sacramento Street, while comfortable, was not as spacious as the Motherhouse in San Francisco, which the Sisters had left. The parlor in the Redding home became the Chapel, the dining room served as a parlor, recreation room and an extension of the laundry on rainy days when the furnace refused to work. A curtain separated this room from the sleeping quarters of two of the Sisters. The kitchen was used for both cooking and the dining room. The back porch served as a "multi-purpose" room.

One morning as Father Moore, S.J. a Redding boy, was celebrating Mass in the little chapel for his family and friends, the door bell rang. A large carton containing a live duck was presented to the Sisters. What to do with it was the question. The house was filled with company, the table was set for breakfast and every available space in the kitchen taken. The back porch in this instance became the pen for the duck—but in the midst of the morning entertaining, the duck fled and was not found for several days.

The friendliness of the Sisters made a great impression on the people, especially the young. One Halloween word went around the town that the Sisters were very good to the "Trick or Treaters." From six until the late hours of the night, the door bell was rung by children who wished to show their costumes to the Sisters and receive a treat. A lad of about twelve arrived about 10:30 asking, "Is this the house where they are so good to the children tonight?" Being assured that it was and that there was a treat waiting for him he said, "I'm the minister's son and the kids told me to come here."

The eight years spent by the Sisters of the Holy Family in Redding and the nearby areas were years mingled with happiness, sorrows, hardships, joys and many unexpected happenings as they spread the Good News of Christ to the people. The co-operation and appreciation of all, regardless of creed was evident in the generous assistance always shown to the Sisters. It was with feelings of regret that the Sisters closed their convent and Day Nursery in 1949 at the request of His Excellency, Bishop Armstrong. St. Joseph School was now available for the children so the Sisters of the Holy Family moved to another location in the diocese—Walnut Grove.

CATHOLIC HERALD **Thursday, November 2, 1972**

Holy Family Sisters Observe Century Of Service In State—The Sisters of the Holy Family will celebrate their 100th anniversary as a religious order with a Mass of thanksgiving on Sunday, November 5, at 3 PM in Saint Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco.

Bishop Alden J. Bell and other prelates will join Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken in the concelebration of the Mass. Friends of the Sisters are invited to attend.

The order was begun in 1872 when Mother Dolores, who had hoped to live her life in a contemplative order, responded to the request of the first archbishop of San Francisco, Joseph S. Alemany, and Father John Prendergast, pastor of Mission Dolores in the aftermath of the Gold Rush, to choose a life of helping others spiritually and materially and become the foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family, the first religious congregation to originate in San Francisco.

The Sisters are now responsible for organized schools of religion in the areas served by their 26 convents. Well over 100,000 children are influenced by the Sisters each year in these areas encompassing parts of California, Nevada, Utah, Texas, Hawaii and Alaska.

The Sisters work under the direction of the pastors, according to the particular needs of the parishes, by organizing classes, training lay personnel, establishing parent education programs, and by home visitation as well as teaching children and assisting their parents.

In all of the 12 dioceses in which they serve, some of the Sisters work also on a diocesan level, out of religious education or catechetical offices.

The Sisters first came to the Sacramento Diocese in 1940 when four Holy Family sisters began the work of the order in Redding. In 1950 members of the order also began serving in Hood.

The Holy Family Sisters now have two convents in the diocese: four of the Sisters live in Mount Shasta and five members of the order live in a convent in Walnut Grove. They work in catechetical centers and serve parishes in many towns in the diocese including Ione, Riverside, Jackson, Elk Grove and Galt.

Mother Maureen Henessey is presently the Superior General of the Holy Family Sisters. The Motherhouse, which for 86 years was located at Hayes and Fillmore Streets in San Francisco, was transferred to the Mission San Jose in 1958. Holy Family College, the training school for the Sisters, has been at that site since 1971.

CATHOLIC HERALD Thursday, July 17, 1975

Holy Family Sisters Elect New General Superior—Sister Margaret Mary Nelligan, newly elected Superior General of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family, took her oath of office and received the Sisters' expression of fidelity at a special Eucharistic Celebration held recently in the Chapel of Holy Family Motherhouse, Mission San Jose. She succeeds Mother Maureen Hennessy, who has led the Congregation since 1954, and has completed the second term as Superior General.

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family is a pontifical institute, founded in San Francisco in 1872 by Monsignor John J. Prendergast and Mother Dolores Armer, to extend opportunity for religious instruction and other spiritual and corporal works of mercy especially to those not otherwise served in the name of the Church.

Parish religious education programs and service through diocesan offices of religious education are the main works of the Sisters in the Archdiocese of San Francisco and of Los Angeles, the dioceses of Sacramento, Fresno, Honolulu, Juneau, Monterey, Oakland, Reno, San Antonio, Salt Lake and Stockton.

In the Sacramento Diocese, the Sisters of the Holy Family opened a convent in Redding and started a religious education parish program in 1941. Prior to that date religious summer vacation schools were held in various parishes of the Diocese. This convent was closed when the Sisters were resettled in Hood and later in Walnut Grove in 1950.

In 1959 another convent in the Diocese was opened in Mt. Shasta and religious education parish programs have been conducted in the area ever since. Prior to that date religious summer vacation schools were conducted.

The Holy Family Order also has a Sister serving at the diocesan level in the Religious Education Department in programs for Catholic students in public schools. She is Sister Angela Marie, SHF, who serves as the Diocesan consultant in religious education in the specialized area of teacher-training and master catechist formation. Sister Angela travels to parishes throughout the Diocese conducting classes for new and experienced teachers in a course of instruction which includes theology, educational psychology and teaching methods.

Sister Angela also assists qualified catechists in setting up and conducting teacher training courses in their parishes.

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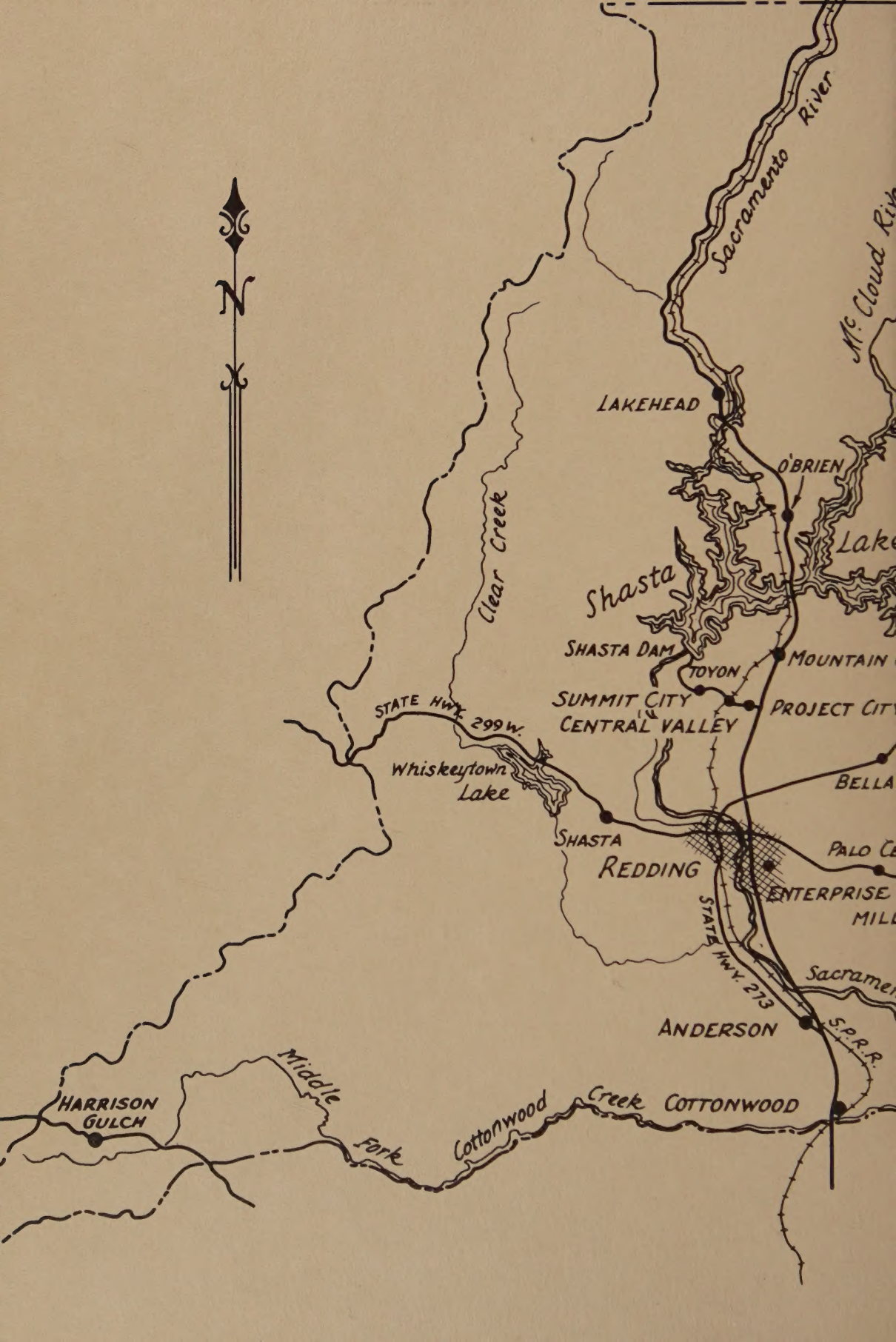
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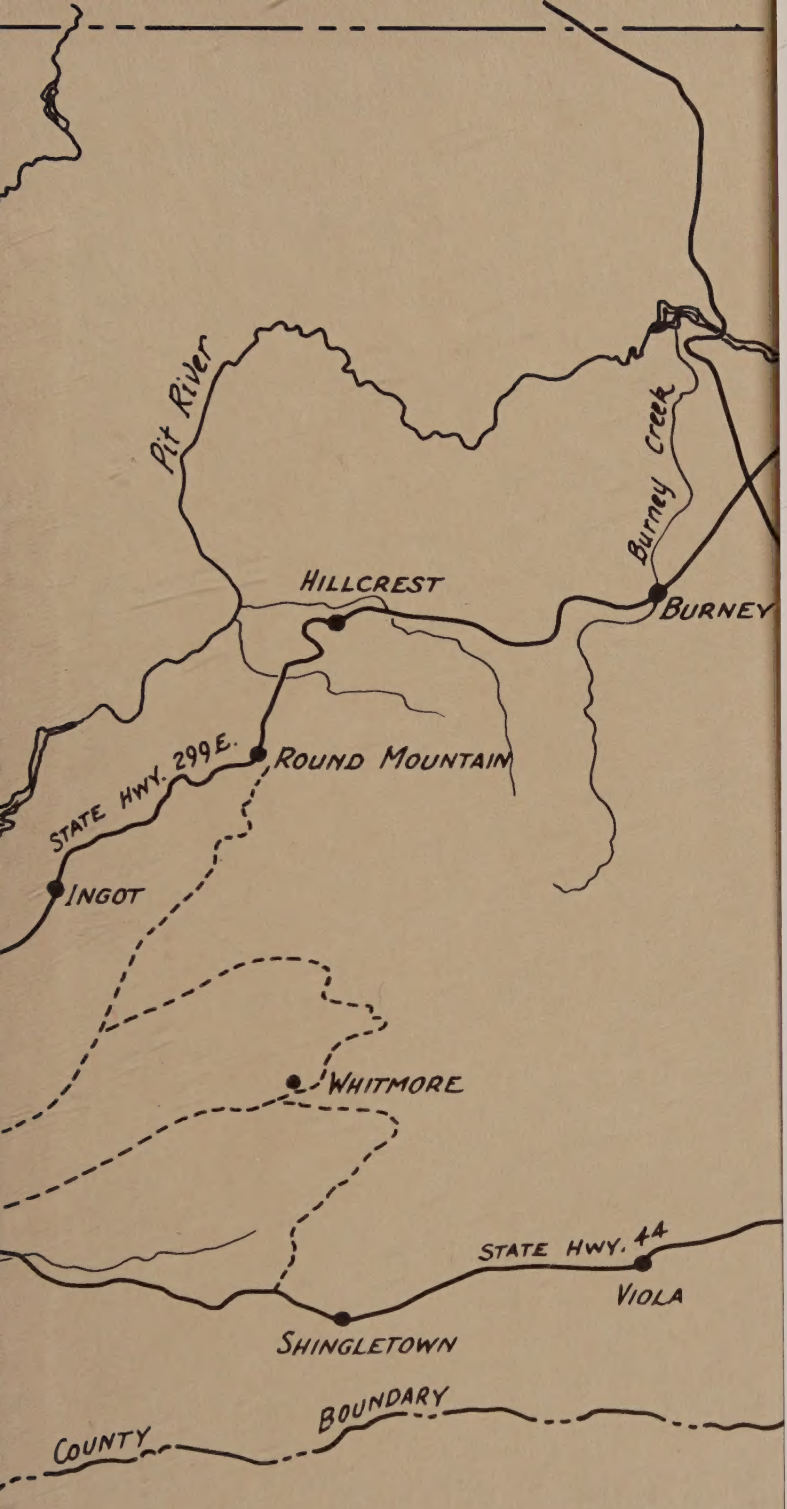

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